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All eyes on Brazeau County

Approval to review county affairs

Warren Little
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A petition that was approved by Alberta Municipal Affairs recently will result in a Brazeau County affairs review.

The petition had about 1,800 signatures, which met the threshold for a review to take place.

"In order to get a petition that's sufficient, you need 20 per cent [of electorate] and so that was achieved so then as a result of that [a decision was made] as that's a fairly significant number of support," said Brad Pickering, Deputy Minister of Alberta Municipal Affairs.

Diana McQueen , Minister of Alberta Municipal Affairs said she excused herself from the case to have a fair process.

"It is a fair process and that's why I have excused myself from it because I want to make sure that all parties feel that it's fair and it's been handled properly for them," said McQueen. "So that all sides of this can be looked at objectively. I would do that any way, but I want to let people know that, having been the former Mayor of Drayton Valley and now the MLA and the Minister of Municipal Affairs, I think it's the best thing to do."

The petition started locally in October last year and was submitted in November.

Pickering confirmed the process will start at the end of March as the department is looking for an independent inspector who will conduct the review.

"We have advised the parties that we will proceed with an inspection and we are in the process right now to select an independent inspector so once that person is in place that will start the inspection," said Pickering.

Although a time line has not been established, Pickering said a review takes anywhere between four to six months.

"You review the entire operations of the municipalities, you are conducting into their affairs and basically it's under the inspector. Basically [he or she] has powers of the inquiry," explained Pickering.

Depending on the result of the review – should there be concerns – there is an opportunity to issue directives.

"So when a council receives directives, a lot of instances, sometimes not significant things, but still they may not be in accordance of the act then the municipality, the council basically has the obligation to satisfy the directives," he said.

The petition asked for various requirements including reviewing affairs, management, administration and operation of the county, allocation and distribution of various funds, conduct of councillors, abuse of power, and position by members of council.

"[We felt] our current council wasn't being very transparent and we didn't feel that they were treating our residents fairly," said petition representative Lynn Oberle, while noting the number of sessions that are held privately by the county.

"They just seem to go and do whatever they want to do like without asking their ratepayers, there's hardly any communication at all with the ratepayers to begin with, and one of the really big issues is the Land Use Bylaw," said Garry Mastre, who supports the petition.

Acting Reeve Shirley Mahan confirmed the council and administration will be cooperating with the inspectors as needed.

"None of us take this lightly and as such are eager to have the review done. Accordingly should the inspector find ways that we as council or administration can better serve our public we welcome their suggestions... We look forward to the results of this review for the betterment of our county and the region as whole," she said in an e-mail.

Oberle said they received a letter of approval which had a list of various areas that will be covered in the review including an evaluation of bylaws and key policies for adequacy, for relevancy, for consistency and conformity with legislation.

"Review and evaluation of structure of council committees is one, another is a review and evaluation of council's understanding of their role and responsibilities, a review of major proposed or active capital projects and a review and evaluation of public engagement and communication policies," said Oberle, while reading off the approval letter.

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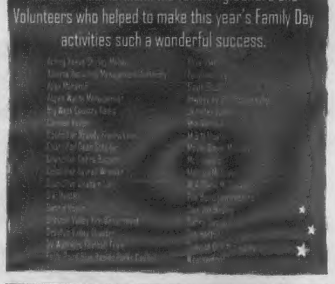

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- **Municipal Planning Commission Meeting** will be on March 4th starting at 9 am in the Council Chamber. Contact the Planning & Development Department at 780-542-2867 for further information. ***Dates are subject to change.
- **Joint Council Meeting**, March 5th beginning at 9am at the MacKenzie Conference Centre.
- **Agricultural Service Board Meeting** on March 12th, 2015 at 10am at the County Office.
- **Municipal By-Election** for the office of Reeve on March 23rd, 2015. Visit our website for voter and candidate information.

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FireSmart activities keep Lodgepole area safe

Justine Kirschler
Western Review

FireSmart activities have been completed early this year near Lodgepole thanks to funding received by the Brazeau County from the Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta (FRIAA).

Wade Colwell, wildfire technologist for Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development (ESRD), said the funding was used mainly for wildfire preventive measures north of Lodgepole.

"Brazeau County received funding to do vegetation management work around the community of Lodgepole and it consisted of some mulching activities that started in December of 2014 and was completed right in the end of January or early February," he said. "The objective of the treatment is in the event of a wildfire is to keep the fire to the surface where it is more manageable for fire suppression crews."

The work done in the area focused on the treatment of highly-flammable black spruce trees.

"The mulching focused on the black spruce stands which is one of the more volatile forest stands you can have in the event of a wildfire," Colwell said. "The total area that was treated is roughly 30 hectares."

One of the main reasons why Lodgepole was chosen as part of the FireSmart activities conducted, along with 20 other areas, was the fact Lodgepole had a number of wildfire incidents happen in the area within the last five years.

"It has a decent history as far as wildfires are concerned. In the last five years, they have had larger scale wildfires close to the community like within a five-kilometre distance to the community and on this last one, the community was evacuated during initial stages of the wildfire," Colwell said. "It is not a matter of if it is going to happen again but a matter of when."

Other wildfire preventive measures were done in the area including pruning of trees.

"There is a smaller area about three hectares so we had hand crews or winter crews working for us and they are basically seasonal firefighters that have been doing treatment work and a lot of that involves piling and burning," Colwell said. "They did pruning on trees to eliminate the ability of fire from [spreading]."

Discussions about the FireSmart activities done in the Lodgepole area will be included in the FireSmart Community Series agenda. FireSmart Community Series will be held at Rocky Mountain House from Mar. 3 to Mar. 5.

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It is a means for electors to cast a ballot, if they will not be able to vote during the Advance Vote in either Breton, March 12, 2015 or in Drayton Valley, March 18, 2015 or on Election Day, March 23, 2015.

It is a paper ballot that is requested by the elector, completed by the elector, and returned to the Returning Officer prior to the close of the vote on Election Day.

A series of envelopes is used to protect the confidentiality of the ballot. The envelopes are accompanied by a declaration that confirms the elector is eligible to vote and has not already voted. The elector must also attach a copy of the appropriate identification that meets the requirements of the elected authority.

Vote by Special Ballot

77.1 (1) an elector who is unable to vote at an Advance Vote or at the Voting Station on Election Day because of:

a) A physical incapacity
b) Absence from the Local Jurisdiction, or
c) Being a Returning Officer, Deputy Returning Officer, Constable, Candidate, Official Agent or Scrutineer who may be located on Election Day at a Voting Station other than that for the elector's place of residence.

Returning the Special Ballot package is the sole responsibility of the elector and must reach the Returning Officer not later than the close of Voting Stations on Election Day.

ELECTOR IDENTIFICATION

For an elected authority that does not prepare a list of electors, or where the person's name does not appear on the list of electors, Section 53(1)(b)(i) establishes the general basic requirement for verification of the person's identity and current residence. Under the basic requirement, the voter must produce:

(A) one piece of photo identification with name and address that is issued by a Canadian Government (Federal, Provincial, Local, or an agency thereof), or;
(B) one piece of identification authorized by the Chief Electoral Officer under the Election Act with name and address.

Types of government issued identification allowed under (A) must show the name, address, and a photo of the elector and so examples of appropriate ID include:

- Operator/Driver's License
- Government Photo Identification Card (for non-drivers)

Types of Chief Electoral Officer approved identification allowed under (B) must show the name and address of the elector and so examples of appropriate ID include:

- Bank/Credit Card Statement or Personal Cheque
- Correspondence issued by a School, College, or University
- Government Cheque or Cheque Stub
- Income/Property Tax Assessment Notice
- Insurance Policy or Coverage Card
- Letter from a Public Curator, Public Guardian, or Public Trustee
- One of the following, issued by the responsible authority of a shelter or soup kitchen:
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  c) Admission Form,
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Local Jurisdiction: BRAZEAU COUNTY, Province of Alberta
Notice is hereby given that an Advance Vote will be held for the filling of the office of REEVE.

Advance Vote will take place on:

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2015 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF NOON AND 8 P.M.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2015 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF NOON AND 8 P.M.

The Advance Voting stations will be located at:

MARCH12, 2015
BRETON COMMUNITY HALL
4732-46TH STREET
BRETON, ALBERTA

MARCH 18, 2015
BRAZEAU COUNTY OFFICE
7401 TWP RD 494
DRAYTON VALLEY, ALBERTA

In order to vote you must produce identification for inspection. The identification must be:(a) one piece of photo identification with name and address issued by a Canadian government, that contains a photograph of the elector and his or her name and current address, or (b) one piece of identificanon authorized by the Chief Electoral Officer under the Election Act (Alberta) with name and address as required by section 53(1)(b)(i) of the Local Authorities Election Act.

Dated at Brazeau County in the Province of Alberta, this 24th day of February, 2015.

Donna Palmer, Returning Officer
election@brazeau.ab.ca

BRAZEAU COUNTY OFFICIAL LIST OF CANDIDATES FOR THE 2015 BY-ELECTION FOR REEVE

BART GUYON **JASON KENNEDY**

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A local resident tried to steal a bait vehicle

News from local RCMP detachments

Marnie Luffa
Western Review

Kyle Lavoie, a resident out of Breton area was recently found trying to steal a bait vehicle in Spruce Grove.

RCMP makes use of bait vehicles, these are vehicles owned by the police intended to be stolen. Once stolen, the location and direction of travel is monitored through GPS tracking system.

He tried to steal a Ford F-350 in Spruce Grove and was unsuccessful. He stole two ATV helmets from the backseat instead and exited the vehicle.

Imagery from the incident was circulated amongst RCMP detachments. He was charged early morning hours of Feb. 18 in Breton for breaching curfew conditions on his recognizance.

He was recognized by the bait car incident. Further charges were laid against him including theft of a motor vehicle and theft under $5,000.

His court date is on March 4 in Stony Plain.

With spring rolling in, RCMP members expect to see thefts from vehicles and encourage the public to reduce the opportunity by making their vehicle less of a target.

Some of the items in a vehicle that makes it an easier target include smartphones, electronic gadgets such as laptops and tablets, work tools, credit card identification, sunglasses, and keys.

Some ways to protect your vehicle include using an anti-theft device and not leaving possessions in your vehicle. Should there be any belongings in the car, it is recommended that they be stored out of sight at all times.

SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE

During one of the recent patrols, members of the Drayton Valley RCMP detachment found a vehicle parked on the side of the road. The patrol car was on Hwy. 620 (close to Brazeau Dam Bridge) on Feb. 24 at 11 a.m.

The vehicle looked suspicious with two occupants inside.

Member of the RCMP approached the vehicle and could smell marijuana inside the vehicle.

About 15 grams of the drug was found in the vehicle upon investigation.

It was found that the drugs belonged to one of the two occupants in the car, which led to charges of one person.

TRUCKS VANDALIZED

A female reported that someone had smashed the rear window of her truck while she was at work. The crime was reported to the RCMP on Feb. 20 at 2 p.m. The vehicle was parked around 41 Ave.

A second vandalism incident took place on 44 Ave. A truck was smashed overnight. The incident was reported at 6:40 a.m. on Feb. 23.

A third vandalism case was reported on Feb. 24 at 7:25 a.m. A Dodge pickup truck was vandalized overnight with its brake lines cut.

The truck was parked on 50 Ave. RCMP member noted that the truck owner has been in town for about three weeks and does not have any conflicts with anybody.

BREAK AND ENTER

RCMP members received a complaint about a break and enter at 12:20 p.m. on Feb. 22. The resident's back window of the house was smashed. The residence is located in Rocky Rapids.

Another break and enter was reported from an oil field related company. A location south of Lodgepole was broken into and approximately $1,000 worth of cable was stolen. The complaint was received on Feb. 23 at 8:20 a.m.

A male who resides on RR.90 called the RCMP on Feb. 24 at 1 p.m. reporting that someone overnight had broken into his garage. They had stolen a subwoofer from his property.

STOLEN TRUCK RECOVERED

A report was filed at the Drayton Valley RCMP in the early hours of Feb. 22 around 6 a.m. about a stolen truck from a local hotel parking lot. The vehicle was recovered in a rural area. A suspect has been apprehended in the case.

On Feb. 24 at 11.20 a.m. the RCMP were notified of a truck stolen overnight out of a residence driveway. The residence is located just outside of Drayton Valley. RCMP member noted that the truck was later recovered.

SKI-DOO THEFT

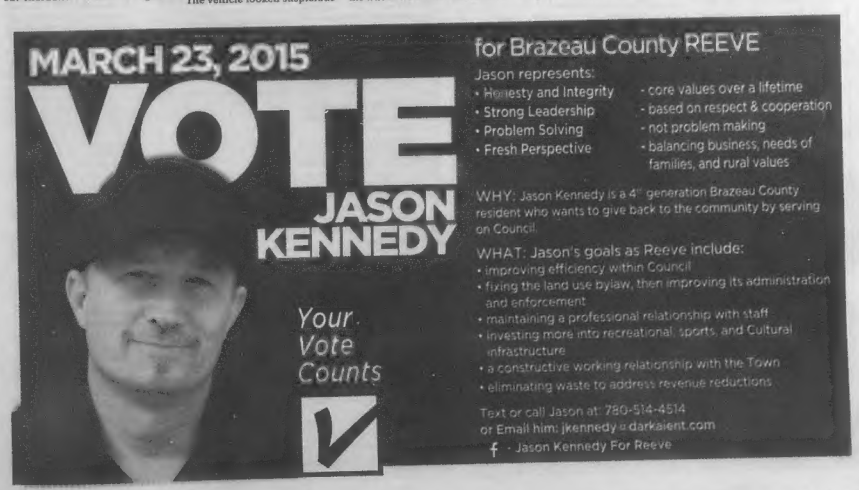
Drayton Valley RCMP members received a call on Feb. 23 about a break and enter of a trailer. Two snow mobiles were stolen in the incident.

POSSIBLY IMPAIRED

On Feb. 22 around midnight, RCMP members received a call about a possible impaired driver on Elk River Rd. A member attended immediately but did not find anybody.

LOOKING FOR HOCKEY EQUIPMENT

A member of the community was driving in and around Drayton Valley when he realized his hockey equipment that was at the back of his truck had fallen off. The RCMP received the call on Feb. 20 around 10:45 p.m. If anyone finds hockey equipment in a black bag, contact the Drayton Valley RCMP detachment.



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Editorial

For Canadians, TFSAs vital to build savings

Canadians don't save money? They will if given half a chance. One of the most successful programs to be introduced by the federal government in recent years has been the TFSA (Tax Free Savings Account), and it's been successful because government involvement is minimal.

Introduced in 2009, Canadians who opened a TFSA account with their bank or financial institution were initially allowed to contribute no more than $5,000 a year. The limit was raised to $5,500 in recent years, and now the Conservatives want to double the annual limit to $11,000.

The TFSA has been successful because income earned in the account is not taxed. The bank interest your balance earns is not touched by Revenue Canada. And if you invest the capital that's been accumulated within the TFSA, profits and earnings are also not taxed.

Canadians' response has been phenomenal. Total market value for these savings amounted to $18 billion in 2009, but climbed to $132 billion by the end of June 2014. In 2012, contributions amounted to $33.5 billion, surpassing contributions to Registered Retirement Savings Plans by almost $1 billion.

There are differences between TFSAs and RRSPs, but the chief one appears to be taxes. If you contribute to a RRSP, that contribution is deductible and its growth sheltered from Revenue Canada. But you will be taxed when your RRSP savings are used as income upon retirement. Meanwhile, there is no tax deduction associated with a TFSA, but there is no taxation when the money is accessed.

Yet a paper Tuesday by the Canada Research Chair in Public Finance says the TFSA might become a problem for the feds. Jonathon Rhys Kesselman says they will cost the feds about $24.5 billion annually within 40 years, and more if the contribution limit is doubled.

Kesselman must be examining lost tax opportunities with TFSAs, as opposed to RRSPs. Yet the government would be in a stronger financial position with the former account, since TFSA contributions aren't tax deductible. And the money Canadians place into their TFSA has already been taxed, presumably as income. Isn't once enough?

Canadians will save given a chance. RRSPs provide the same opportunity, but the tax-free component to the TFSA provides a compelling alternative.

-- Peter Epp

We're safe today – but tomorrow?

Anthony Furey
QMI Agency

Let's start with the good news. Or at least the closest thing to good news possible when we're talking about a terrorist group like al Shabaab.

Recently, it was initially revealed that the Somalian Islamist terror group had called for attacks on North American malls, including the West Edmonton Mall.

The mall, the largest in North America, said it upped its security measures as a precaution.

But the shock value dissipated when hours after the threat was made public a spokesman for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security clarified that: "As a general matter, however, we are not aware of any specific, credible plot against the Mall of America or any other domestic commercial shopping centre."

Canadian officials echoed their American counterparts. "At this time we have determined there is no imminent threat," Edmonton deputy police chief Brian Simpson said at a press conference. He later added "we do not have an identified specific threat."

So what's actually going on here? Simpson said the video "encourages action to be taken." What does that mean?

Basically the terrorist in the video does a roll call of bad stuff he'd like to see happen and places that should be bombed. It's a call for attacks. It's not a warning to say that we've got a guy on the ground who's going to attack the West Edmonton Mall in the next couple of days.

It's just a wish list. The terrorist version of fantasy league draft picks.

So the good news is we're not all going to be blown up tomorrow. Gee, that's nice... I guess. Isn't it sad that we've gotten to the point in the terror narrative where even that's considered a positive?

"Oh great," we say with a sigh of relief. "He only wants to blow us to smithereens. He hasn't yet rounded up the posse to do so."

Here's the bad news. We're safe today, but what about the next day? Or the one after that?

Because these calls for adherents to commit attacks clearly work. Anwar al-Awlaki's online lectures from a decade ago inspired many radicals.

One video made last year by the Islamic State told Western followers that if they couldn't find a way to join them in Iraq and Syria and couldn't pull off a major explosive attack in their homeland, then they were to do simple things like drive their cars into people to kill them.

That's just what Martin Couture-Rouleau did in October – ramming his car into Warrant Officer Patrice Vincent at Saint-Jean-Sur-Richelieu.

So clearly these videos can have an impact. Even if they only inspire one person, that's all it takes. Prospective terrorists are listening, ears attuned to the siren song edicts issued by their foreign heroes.

While al Shabaab is not the Islamic State, we know they hold sway in Canada.

One of the 2013 Nairobi shopping mall attackers was reportedly a Canadian. They clearly have a thing against shopping malls, those beacons of capitalism and choice.

Last July Canadian Mohamed Hersi was sentenced to 10 years in prison for attempting to leave the country back in 2011 to join al Shabaab.

There are about a dozen reported cases of Canadians who've left or attempted to leave to join the group. Since it takes gusto to move from intent to action, the numbers game suggests there are many more who would like to or have thought about doing it but haven't made the move yet or felt they couldn't go through with it.

Needless to say, al Shabaab has a presence in Canada, even if it's a minor and fragmented one – which is all that's needed to cause damage.

The rounding up of the Toronto 18 back in 2006 was a scary time. Not just because of what they were planning to do – which included bombing Parliament and beheading the prime minister.

But because of how many people responded to it: They downplayed it. They chuckled it away. "Oh, those crazy kids and their far-fetched schemes!" Yeah, and then last October that scheme to storm Parliament didn't look so far-fetched anymore.

This is why no one should look for opportunities to shrug off any new threats. Sure, the latest al Shabaab threat is just that. Seems rather toothless and lacking capacity. Until a lone wolf decides to get to work. Then it's anything but.

Opinion

Valuing introverts

Mental Health matters

Every time that I write an article, I look forward to seeing it in the paper, reading it over and critiquing myself about where I could improve, what I could change. Last week when I opened up my article on introversion, I was confused about the title of my article. You see, we do not choose what the title of our articles are, we write them and someone else gives them a title. For the most part, the titles given to the articles I have written have been appropriate to the topic and what was meant to be the message that I was trying to communicate.

When I read the title "Don't Be Afraid to Talk" on my last article, my initial reaction was anger. I couldn't believe that someone would read my article and come up with this title. The article was clearly talking about the challenges that introverts face in our extrovert driven world. This title was a total contradiction of what the article was about. I felt like I was slapping everyone who was an introvert in the face telling them to "stop being so introverted and don't be afraid to talk." I was annoyed to say the least.

As I gave myself some time, and narrowed down who may have titled my article, I began to semi calm down and think of how perfect this title actually was. This title showed that whoever titled the article does not understand the introvert or they read the word introvert in the article and automatically assumed that introverts are afraid to talk. This title was proof of the misunderstanding there is in our society of what being an introvert is all about.

Introverts are not afraid to talk; they prefer to talk with people they are close to or to small groups of people. They often listen more than they talk, and prefer to have deep discussions rather than simple chit chat, but this doesn't mean that they have a fear to talk. They just are more cautious of who they talk to, what they talk about and where they choose to hold discussions. When they are in the midst of a large group of people for a long time where there is a lot of chatter going on, they need some time to unwind, and relax. This is not a fear of talking this is recognizing the need to re-energize when our minds and our soul is feeling exhausted.

So in response to whoever titled my article, I want to thank you. Thank you for clarifying how the introvert is misunderstood in our society. How they are often mistaken for being a snob, being strange, antisocial and "afraid to talk". I recommend to anyone who may have an introvert in their lives, be it a child, a parent, a student, or a friend, take some time to understand them better. Learn what it means to be an introvert, and maybe you will be able to have empathy for them and put yourself in their shoes to understand them better.

— Sue Reich is a Success Mentor with Aim for Success. Visit them online at www.aimforsuccess.ca or find Aim for Success on Facebook.

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CORRECTION

Incorrect information appeared in Grant writing workshop article on pg. 26 of the Feb. 24 edition of the Western Review. The event which is a partnership between FCSS and Drayton Valley Community Foundation is set for March 10.

The Western Review apologizes for the error and any inconvenience it may have caused.

Around the water cooler...

This is rather exciting time at the Brazeau County where two candidates have come forward and are running for county reeve. We encourage community members to get involved and vote!

We don't want to nag, but our readers are not being very supportive of our **water cooler** section. We would love to be able to share birthday and anniversary wishes or sound the trumpet of congratulations, but we can't do it without your help! If someone you know is having a birthday, anniversary or just deserves a shout out, please pass it along to us by calling or e-mailing.

Now, as you may have guessed from the rant above, we don't have any birthdays to share this week, so let's move on to other things.

For those who are looking for fundraising opportunities to make a change in the community may be interested in checking out the Fundraising and Grant Writing Workshop that takes place on March 10. Call 780-514-2206 for more information. We must warn you that this event has limited capacity, so you might want to hurry up and dial that number.

For those looking to do something on the weekend, there is a stage combat workshop being hosted by the River Valley Players Association on March 7 at Frank Maddock High School Gym. Participants will learn three hours of unarmed combat and three hours of stage sword basics from a qualified instructor. Call 780-514-0182 for more information and registration.

We wanted to take this opportunity to ask our readers to update their Western Review e-mails. We are accepting information at **dvwr@sunmedia.ca.** Of course our phone number remains the same: 780-542-[illegible].

That's it from us in this edition. Have a marvellous beginning of March!

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THE TRAVELLING MABELS

Justine Kimoden Western Review

The Travelling Mabels, a folk and country female trio, held a concert at the Eleanor Pickup Arts Centre on Friday, Feb. 20. The group is composed of Eva Levesque, Lana Floen, Suzanne Levesque and Keith Floen.

Got a news tip?

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SEKURA LIVESTOCK MARKET REPORT

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Feeder Cattle

Weight	Steers	Heifers
900+	$2.10 - $2.25	$1.90 - $2.10
800-899	$2.15 - $2.40	$2.00 - $2.30
700-799	$2.30 - $2.65	$2.15 - $2.49
600-699	$2.45 - $3.02	$2.25 - $2.67
500-599	$3.00 - $3.42	$2.45 - $3.10
400-499	$3.15 - $3.65	$2.85 - $3.40
300-399	$3.25 - $3.90	$3.00 - $3.55

Other Cattle	
Butcher Cows	$1.20 - $1.42
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Drayton Valley needs a variety of housing choices

Interim budget numbers reconsidered

Mamta Lulla
Western Review

Housing has been a topic of discussion over and over again in Drayton Valley.

With more than 35 condos to be up for sale in about a month varying from one to three bedrooms on 52 St., Mayor Glenn McLean said the Town of Drayton Valley can use a variety of housing development.

"Every community needs a variety of styles of accommodation, single detached, town house, multi-family, both rental and home ownership and every community needs a diverse range of housing styles because needs are different depending on income, depending on where you are at in your life in terms of age, family status, marriage status, all of that," said McLean.

With one to three bedroom apartments, Woodhaven Condominium is expected to be on the market in about a month. The condo units will be available to all age groups.

"We are open to all age groups. There aren't as many entry level options in town. So we wanted to take away that restriction," said local developer Moe Hamdon.

Some of the town councillors were recently taking a tour of the building.

With a final budget coming up in a couple months, McLean said council has been talking about the allocated $2 million toward housing since the interim budget was passed late last year.

"As budget discussions concluded in November, the price of oil was not $50 at that time. Nor did we have any reasonable expectation that it would be. So council is currently in process of revisiting all of the major components to see whether or not things can be done differently or whether or not we can still go ahead with them, whether in context of housing or any other components," said McLean.

Whether or not, allocated $2 million remains the same when the budget is finalized in spring, affordable housing could be part of public or private sector.

"I think in order for an affordable housing solution to be effective and to truly meet the needs of the community there has to be some element of partnership with the private sector. That could manifest itself in a variety of ways, we could be here all day talking about scenarios," he said.

With the development of condominiums and other properties, there is a chance of an increase in rental units.

"In some case some of the buyers of those units will turn around and rent them. But of course the condominium bylaws will have to permit that sort of thing," he said.

The town owns 27 affordable housing units currently.

Mamta Lulla Western Review

Mayor Glenn McLean and some members of the town council recently toured Woodhaven Condominium on 52 St.

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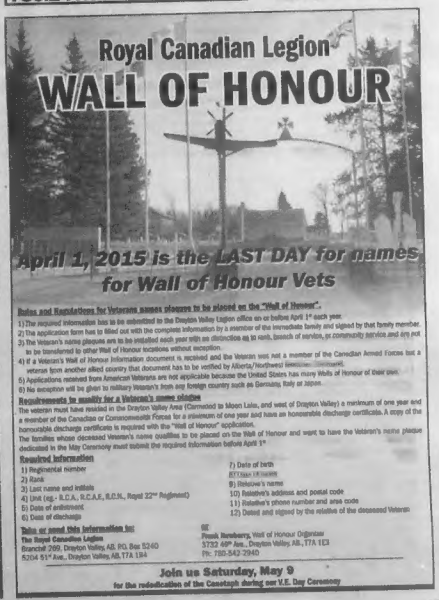

Candidate wants to minimize bureaucracy

Bart Guyon is running to become the county reeve

Marita Lutia
Western Review

Adding his name to the Brazeau County by-election hat is Bart Guyon, a former reeve and a councillor, is running again to secure the reeve position.

"I always pay attention [to county politics] but not necessarily get in the way. Once the new council is in, I pretty much give them a chance to do what they want and if things go sideways the public starts to talk to me. So the main reason, it's where I come from. I care about this county and the people who live here," he said.

Guyon was in the by-election race in 2013, along with former Reeve Pat Vos, who won at the time.

"I just don't give up. I can stand against the storm pretty strong and I have done it before and you get knocked down but you get back up again and I just won't give up. It's just that there is too much to lose here. This is a pretty amazing place and there's a future here if we look after it," he said.

He understands people are frustrated with the current government.

"We have way too many rules, way too many permits, way too much government and it's getting in the way of economic development and it's getting in the way of affordable housing... fairness isn't being applied. Some people get to do things, others don't. Policy isn't being produced and policy is just another word for fairness. Everybody has to be treated the same so people are getting frustrated," he said.

He is surprised to see the number of people who supported the petition that recently got approved and will look into reviewing Brazeau County affairs.

"It only took a year under Pat's leadership to get a petition and a review, that's quite a concern I think for the whole community. [About] 1,800 people to get involved is just amazing," he added.

Given his experience in municipal politics, he says it wouldn't take very long for him to catch up and get going.

"We need to do things now. We have to be fragile, we have to be focused, we have to be functional, we have to be fair and things have to happen immediately. The community is hurting and we are seeing that already," he explained.

With the current economic climate, he believes in investing in infrastructure.

"So as a government we can do things to buffer this economic downtown, we can start investing in more infrastructure, we can take the reserves that we have set aside for rainy day and it's raining now and we can start re-investing and we might be able to help a lot of people," said Guyon.

Should he be elected, his focus would be to lower cost of living, lowering the residential mill rate, and providing the least number of rules and regulations.

"I am not the guy that wants to tax the way to prosperity. I see the town [has proposed] raising taxes. I want to lower taxes, and focus on the people," he said.

He would like to lower fees as much as possible, especially when it comes to housing.

"Everybody talks about affordable housing but they don't make it affordable with all the rules and regulations so the whole idea is to get rid and reduce as many fees as possible. Stop asking for unnecessary studies that just cost developers money. Start investing in infrastructure, in the rural areas and the hamlets so those create jobs in the private sector," he said.

He would like to see more action on the Land Use Bylaw.

"The Land Use Bylaw which is just a mess and everybody is talking about it, they are not doing anything about it and they have got these big, long processes and massive committees where people sit and talk. Well we have to start doing things. We have to get down and we have to start working," he said.

He believes county citizens come first.

"When I talk community though, I talk about the county, the communities and the people who live there. Sure, we are together with the town but the county citizens come first. I am right for the brand and I am loyal to the people who hired me. So if these people hired me I will work for them and I won't let them down," he added.

For more information contact Bart Guyon at 780-542-0999 or find him on Facebook page at Bart Guyon for reeve.

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Bart Guyon, a Brazeau County resident is running to become the Brazeau County Reeve. A by-election was scheduled after former Reeve Pat Vos resigned from her position late last year.

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	Heifers 310.00-330.00
Dairy Steers	170.00-200.00
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Candidate wants to encourage younger voters to come out

Jason Kennedy is running to become county reeve

Mamta Lulla
Western Review

Hoping to represent young rural families, Jason Kennedy is in the leadership race to become the next Brazeau County Reeve.

"I just think the county needs some strong, positive, influence right now. And I have built my business in the last few years to a place where I have the time. My family is supportive so I decided to step forward," said 38-year-old Kennedy.

Nomination date was last week, where Kennedy along with one another candidate decided to run after Pat Vos resigned her reeve position late last year.

Kennedy said he believes there is a need for a strong leader in the county to address some of the issues including the Land Use Bylaw.

"The Land Use Bylaw is a huge topic and it's a 25 year old document that needs to be updated to the people's needs today so we are working on that right now and actually I am on that committee of working through it. But I need to be part of council when that gets approved. I want to be part of decision making on top of helping build the bylaw," he said.

The Land Use Bylaw is a concern for many residents in the county.

"I think with the land use bylaw if we can fix the rules, if we can fix the bylaw then a lot of our community residents won't have such hot topics to be worked up about so that's a major issue in the county right now," he added.

Should he become part of the council, he will focus on the revenue base of the county and learn to live within means.

"I think that we live in a healthy county which is good but as we know some of our revenue streams, we are going to have less coming in, with drilling assessments because there is going to be less drilling in our community in the next little while. So that's going to deplete some of our income so we need to be able to manage it," he said.

He said there needs to be a professional relationship between the council and administration.

"I don't believe council's job is to micro manage individual issues but set targets and let administration work towards them. Council should provide clear policy and direction. If you are too busy micro managing, you lose sight of the goal," he explained.

He supports investing in recreational, sports and cultural infrastructure to keep people in the county.

"It's important to create a community in which families want to raise their kids here," said Kennedy.

He wants to have a better working relationship between the town and county.

"I think we could improve the working relationship with the town of Drayton Valley... By doing that, we can eliminate duplicating. Lots of times town and county are paying for two services when really we only need one for that," he said.

Kennedy wants to lead with respecting everyone and having an open door policy.

"I believe that you need to listen and respect and then make decisions based on information given to you. And that doesn't mean we will always agree but it means we will always respect each other's opinion and decisions so the door doesn't get closed for future conversations," he explained.

He is hoping to see a diverse age-group at the polls.

"We need the voters to come out and vote. My age group and a little bit younger, probably 20 to 35 are missing on the polls because they are out raising families and working and those are the people that aren't being represented in the community... I encourage them to come out because they need a leader, someone who represents them and that's me. That's where I come from," he added.

For more information find Jason Kennedy for Brazeau County Reeve on Facebook or call 780-514-4514.

Photo submitted

Jason Kennedy, a Brazeau County resident is running to become the Brazeau County Reeve. A by-election was scheduled after former Reeve Pat Vos resigned from her position late last year.

PASSING THE BUCK

Mamta Lulla Western Review

Colleen Sekura, fund development officer at Drayton Valley Health Foundation (left) accepted more than $8,000 from Paula Macborsky (right). The money was raised after 24 jerseys were auctioned off for the CT4DV Campaign.

Chamber is making changes

Chamber wants to see an increase in membership

Mamta Lulla
Western Review

Drayton Valley and the District Chamber of Commerce is looking to revamp its name.

"We are re-establishing the chamber name. The chamber, throughout the community, doesn't have a good rep about what we do and how we do it," said chamber president Todd McClean.

The local chamber is working with chambers at provincial and federal level.

"With both federal and provincial, we are able to have programs, plus local programs too, that will benefit the business to be involved," he said.

"Membership with provincial and federal [chambers], so our word, even though we are small, is getting to the federal level," he explained.

To entice more members, the local chamber is looking into several programs to give members the best bang for their buck. To get started, the committee is looking to raise an extra $100,000 – a number they have taken to the Town of Drayton Valley and Brazeau County. The chamber wants to see how much of the $100,000 can be raised through the town and county.

"We need a total of $100,000 so we want to see whatever they are willing to do," said McClean.

The figure will go towards hiring two part-time positions, to help run the organization and become the face of the chamber.

"We are looking for funding. Because we have been so low in the past years of income, we have only been basically running off memberships," said McClean.

The programs that are currently in the planning process will need some funding as well.

"The money we are trying to establish now is going to go to different programs. We have a couple programs that we have started... we have the tradeshow coming back. We lost the tradeshow over a number of years due to lack of support. So it's coming back sometime in September," he said.

Another way to keep Drayton Valley businesses happy is to convince residents to shop local, which is why the chamber is looking at implementing a local rewards program.

"It's a savings card. Basically people can purchase the card and the corresponding stores within that program will offer discounts. All they have to do is show the card. They will have to pay to get in, but what they save will overcome what they have to pay for it," he said.

The organization is also looking to combine various groups and agencies to make a community directory.

"Directory in Drayton Valley has been done to death. Last time we talked, I understand there were seven different directories put out in Drayton Valley alone. Directory is being done over and over again and this isn't helping the businesses. Basically, we would like to group all of those people [in one]," he said.

Although 'Chamber cash' is still being honoured and will continue for about a year, businesses are advised to use it up and get it processed because soon 'Chamber cheque' will take over.

Chamber cheque started in January this year which is supposed to help merchants as there is an easier process involved.

"They don't have to come to us [to deposit the chamber cheque] they can just go deposit into their bank account directly. Before [with chamber cash] there was process where they had to come to us and we gave them a cheque and so on. We eliminated that, modernized it, made it look more like a cheque," he explained.

This year, about 35 new members have joined the chamber with the total membership sitting at about 125.

"Members are going up because they are starting to see that we are doing something. They are starting to get value for the package," he said.

The chamber office has recently moved to 5234- 52 Ave.

For more information go online at draytonvalley-chamber.com or find them on Facebook at Drayton Valley and District Chamber of Commerce.

ROTARY FLAG STOOD TALL

Mamta Lulla
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Rotary flag stood tall for Rotary Week at the Brazeau County office. The flag raising was on Feb. 23 with (left) peace officer Jesse Shymansky, Acting Reeve Shirley Mahan and Drayton Valley Rotary Club president John Mulligan.

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ROTARY DAY OPEN HOUSE WAS OPEN TO EVERYONE

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Rotary Day Open House was scheduled last week as part of Rotary week. At the event, the Rotary Club of Drayton Valley made a cheque presentation to donate $40,000 for next three years (totalling to $120,000) to Eagle Point-Blue Rapids Parks Council (above) for the Rotary Riverside Campground, a walk-in and low impact campsite.
At the open house, people were able to learn more about ongoing projects and programs as part of the local Rotary club.
To get things going, Boys and Girls Club of Drayton Valley students (below) sang "O Canada" at the beginning of the event.

Legion Hall fundraises for restoration project

Addition of a second mural a possibility

Justine Rinaldo
Western Review

The Royal Canadian Legion Hall is undergoing a makeover which focuses on the restoration of the legion's mural and cenotaph.

The legion's wall, which proudly showcases paintings portraying local veterans, is in need of a little bit of retouching.

"Back in around 1998, a veteran of the legion, Betty McGee, had this vision of putting in a mural on the legion wall that depicted local veterans and it was unveiled in 2000," said legion member and project co-chair Heather Rennison. "It has seen better days, I mean it has been 15 years and so it is weathered and it needs to be redone, as well as the cement backdrop at the cenotaph."

Aside from mural and cenotaph restoration, other legion hall redecorating will be done.

"We also like to give the legion's exterior a bit of a facelift, the trees that are lining the building need to be removed and the little patio that was there will be cleaned up," Rennison said. "Perhaps another couple of benches and some flower pots that will be placed in there as well."

Fundraising initiatives are being done by the legion including turning into the community for sponsorships.

"Communities in Bloom already have kick started our fundraising," Rennison said. "The main initiative that we are doing right now is we are in the process of finalizing the details of a sponsorship program with businesses and individuals in Drayton Valley. We are sending out letters with pledge sheets and we will have different levels of sponsorship for the mural and the cenotaph and people can donate that way."

Nicole Nadeau, Communities in Bloom council representative, said the Communities in Bloom council is supportive of the project.

"With the legion, we are helping in the same sort of capacity [helping with grant application process]," Nadeau said. "They are looking for major grants that they are applying for [...] but they are confident that they can get a good part of it."

The legion is looking to raise $30,000 for the project.

Community members are encouraged to make a donation to the legion's mural and cenotaph restoration project.

"To me, it is a way of saying thank you to the legion for the years and years that it has donated money back into the community for one project or another," Rennison said. "But more importantly, it is a chance to say thank you to our local veterans and veterans everywhere. So I think it is a wonderful thing to be able to contribute to."

Depending on the amount of money raised for the project, there is a possibility of painting another mural.

"If we raise enough funds, a second mural depicting more local veterans would be put on the drawing board," Rennison said.

Local artist, Trevor Furoy, will be responsible for the mural's restoration.

"He wants to do it on site and people are welcome to come down and watch him paint and bring it back to life," Rennison said.

The restoration project is expected to be completed by fall of this year.

Fire Briefs

Mamta Lulla
Western Review

FALSE EXPLOSION

On Feb. 21, fire crews responded to an explosion on 52 Ave. On investigation, they found that the transformer breaker had malfunctioned which led to the loud bang. No action was taken and the maintenance crew took over.

EMS ASSIST

On Feb. 22, the fire department was called in to assist EMS in Breton to the STARS landing site. One individual was transported via STARS.

CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS AND BATTERIES

The fire department is reminding people that when they reset their clocks on March 8, to check their smoke detectors and batteries. Kamli Lasek, deputy fire chief of training said it is a good time to review safety plans with your family in case of an emergency.

GREEN ZONE PERMITS

As summer begins in March, Drayton Valley/Brazeau County Fire Services is reminding residents in the green zone that will be required to have a fire permit from March to October from Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development (ESRD).

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Helping immigrants integrate in the community

Some programs offered are free

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Western Review

Newcomers to Drayton Valley have the option to better their language skills at no cost

Although, Drayton Valley currently doesn't have face-to-face classes for Language Instruction for Newcomers for Canada (LINC), that can change

If sufficient demand for face to face classes can be demonstrated, we may be able to open face to face classes in January May or September of any given year," said Ewa Dufrat, program manager for Language Instructor for Newcomers to Canada

Drayton Valley residents do have the choice of online classes and face-to-face classes are offered in other communities such as Camrose and Whitecourt

"Often, newcomers to Canada arrive with terrific skills, diplomas, trade tickets, and even degrees from their home countries However, the lack of language skills serves as a barrier," said Dufrat

To be part of the program, applicants must be permanent residents

"LINC programs help new Canadians of all educational, social and economic backgrounds integrate into Canadian society where their skills can either be established or transferred, thereby boosting economies and creating better lives for individuals and communities," said Dufrat

LINC Online Course has been designed to meet the language learning needs of newcomers who may be working full or part-time, or who may be otherwise unable to attend face-to-face classes. The course requires students to study a minimum of six hours each week

Drayton Valley and District Community Learning Association also offers programs that will help immigrants with their language skills

"We are seeing an increase of newcomers to our community, and we want to make them feel welcome and encourage [them] to participate in these learning opportunities, in order to transition successfully into society," said executive director, Nicole Sharman at the Drayton Valley and District Community Learning Association.

Volunteer adult tutoring is a free program where adult learners are matched with volunteer tutors in the community in a small group or in a one-on-one setting

Other classes such as the English conversation classes run for a fee.

"These learning opportunities are offered through our organization because we are mainly funded through Alberta Innovation and Advanced Education, under the Community Adult Learning Program. The program's vision includes supporting immigrants and immigration to Alberta, including increasing access to English language learning opportunities to meet the increasing demand and diverse needs of immigrants," said Sharman

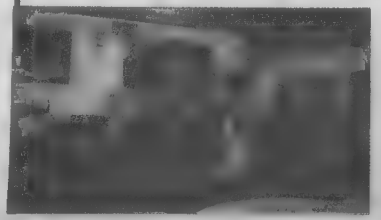
For more information or to register for LINC e-mail LINC@norquest.ca or call 780 644 6700

For more information about programs from the Drayton Valley and District Learning Association e-mail adultliteracy@dvcommunitylearning.ca or call 780-542-3373

LOCAL BAND AT THE LEGION

Mamta Lulla Western Review

Drayton Valley Community Jazz Band were at the Royal Canadian Legion #269 Drayton Valley playing some friendly and familiar tunes for the people. The night of Feb. 25 was the second time they performed at the Legion Lounge.



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Sports

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Thunder's winning streak came to an end

Mamta Lulla Western Review

Despite efforts from both teams, Drayton Valley Thunder and Camrose Kodiaks couldn't score in the first period of Feb. 27 home game. By the end, both teams stood at 1-1 with Kodiaks sweeping in and winning 2-1 in an overtime game.

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Sports

Kids aim for bullseye

St. Anthony School hosted first invitational archery tournament

More than 100 students from Grades 4 to 8 participated in the St. Anthony School Invitational Archery Tournament held at St Anthony School on Feb. 20 and Feb. 21.

Heather Rominick, archery lead coach for St. Anthony School, said there is a growing interest of students in archery which made hosting the school's first invitational archery tournament possible.

"This is the first time we have done it and we hope to do it every year," she said. "Last year, we only had 20 kids shooting in archery at St Anthony's, this year we coach 118 kids and that is in St Anthony's alone."

The tournament served as an opportunity to prepare students who wants to compete at a provincial or national level.

"Basically, this tournament is to give our kids competitive juices going a little bit and to start to bring the game up for the local kids so when we go to nationals and provincials we are a nice strong force," she said. "In April, the provincials is going to be here in Drayton Valley and is being hosted by Safari Club International and Brazeau Bow Benders Archery Club."

Archers were able to compete in individual and team categories.

"If they have between 12 and 24 kids and it has to be at least four boys or four girls, then they can qualify for team awards," Rominick said. "Of course, they can also qualify for individual awards."

Rominick said she encourages all types of youth to get into archery.

"Kids absolutely love it, kids learn focus and determination and a sense of achievement that they did not have in any other sport and it is not a restrictive sport, too," she said. "It is something that a boy can do, a girl can do, a fit kid can do it, a not so fit kid can do it. There is no physical constraint and is an extremely inclusive sport."

The individual winners were Dawson Boser for male middle school division, Elijah Park for male elementary division, Rebekah Pequin for female middle school division, and Corissa Riddoch for female elementary division. The winning teams for the elementary division are St. Anthony School for gold and Eldorado Elementary School for silver. For middle school division, the winning teams are St. Anthony School team STA78 for gold, St. Anthony School team STA6 for silver, and Entwistle School for bronze.

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The first St. Anthony School Invitational Archery Tournament for students Grades 4 to 8 was held on Feb. 20 and Feb. 21 at the school's gymnasium.

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Sports

U14 GIRLS HUSKIES INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT

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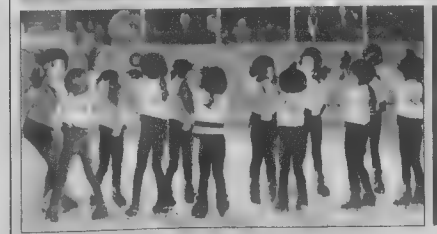
Drayton Valley U14 Girls Huskies Invitational Tournament was held on Feb. 21 at Frank Maddock High School. The local team won silver.

LET'S SKATE TO THE MUSIC



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Spectators enjoyed a glamorous night watching skaters on the ice at the annual carnival put on by the Drayton Valley Figure Skating Club.

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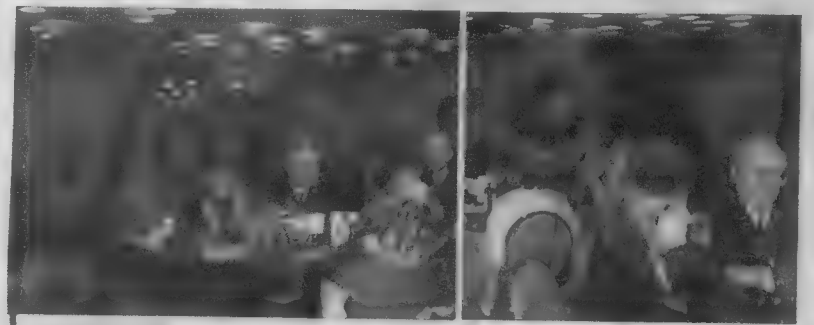

Guns and Roses took place last weekend at the MacKenzie Conference Centre. The night lets emergency members mingle with the public in attendance. Some of the money raised goes to

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Drayton Valley ranked low by CFIB

Western Review

Drayton Valley was ranked by Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB) as one of the worst municipalities in Alberta when it comes to operating expenditures.

Amber Ruddy, CFIB senior policy analyst, said the CFIB serves as a voice for small businesses across Canada.

"We have 10,000 small and medium-sized businesses that are members across Alberta and 109,000 in Canada," she said. "We lobby on behalf of small businesses at the municipal, provincial and federal level for good policy."

Ranking for the Alberta Municipal Spending Watch report is based on two factors, population growth and expenditures.

"We look at the change in population growth over the past 12 years and we also look at the change in spending so we compare those two numbers to see how much the municipality is spending per person," she said.

Based on the 2014 report, the town ranked 166 out of 181 municipalities in the province with one being the best and 181 being the worst.

"Drayton Valley is not doing so well in the region and across the province, the town is drastically overspending beyond what is sustainable, when you look at the gross in population versus how much they are spending, it is six times the amount of sustainable," Ruddy said. "CFIB does these annual reports to really highlight that the municipality needs to get a better control on their operating expenditures."

Drayton Valley Mayor Glenn McLean said all municipalities operate in a different way and cannot be compared to each other based on two factors used by CFIB.

"This report does not compare apples to apples, what it does is it assumes that every municipality is providing the same services in the same way to the same level which, of course, is not true," said McLean. "No municipality does it identically to another municipality and so it also does not take into account what the citizens of the municipalities want to see their tax money spent on. To compare population growth with spending growth is a completely fallacious basis for a study."

Ruddy made some suggestions as to how municipalities including Drayton Valley can improve their rank on next year's Alberta Municipal Spending Watch report.

"We like to provide municipalities with some recommendations especially as they get into their budgeting process on how to create a better climate for small businesses," she said. "We are finding that the biggest cost in operating budget is salary, wages, and benefits. The city needs to get a better control of those costs if they want to be more sustainable over the long term."

The Alberta Municipal Spending Watch report is necessary not only for municipalities but for small businesses as well

"There is a need for this because while municipal governments are going in their budgeting process, they need to have a better idea of what the small business community is looking for and small businesses want the government to balance their budgets," Ruddy said. "These reports are very important so that you can see how your municipality compares to others of the same size."

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March [illegible] at 6:30pm at the Lakeview [illegible]

Unland family is thankful

Father and son made everyone laugh

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Lonnie and Gavin Unland will always remain in the hearts of their family and friends

Those who are closest to Lonnie and Gavin would like to thank the Drayton Valley community for the solace given to them in a difficult time such as this

"The support we have received from our families, dear friends, and the community of Drayton Valley cannot be put into words," said Colleen Unland, Lonnie's mother and Gavin's grandmother, via e-mail

"We want to thank everybody, the community and everyone who has been supporting us," added Al Unland, Lonnie's father and Gavin's grandfather

A vehicle collision west of Calmar on Jan. 31 took the lives of father and son, Lonnie and Gavin.

HW Pickup Junior High School Grade 7 student, Gavin, was described as funny and friendly by his former teacher.

"I had the pleasure of teaching Gavin in Grade 6, Gavin was a very special boy," said Jeff Crawford. "He was one of those kids that just brings a contagious energy with him along with a wonderful sense of humour that always helped make the classroom a fun place to be. It did not matter what was happening around him, he seemed to be able to find something to smile about and that always made any day better He was an amazing person who got along with everyone, always made the other students feel like a friend and just seemed to love being around people."

Robert Perras, employer and long-term friend of Lonnie, said Lonnie's sense of humour is what he will most miss about him.

"He was very outgoing, fun-loving guy, enjoyed himself and is fun to be around," Perras said.

Clock is ticking for foreign workers

Some immigrants may leave come Apr. 1

Western Review

Drayton Valley Multicultural Association is bidding goodbye to at least four Temporary Foreign Workers next month

Temporary Foreign Workers Appreciation Night was scheduled last week by the association

According to Citizenship and Immigration Canada website starting April 2011 many temporary foreign workers were subject to a four-year 'cumulative duration' limit on their length of time they may work in Canada.

"This regulation is not retroactive - The clock starts ticking on April 1, 2011, for all TFWs, regardless of how long they have already been in Canada," stated the website. "The earliest date that a foreign worker could reach the four-year cumulative duration limit is April 1, 2015."

Although Western Review could not reach the foreign workers who may be leaving, Drayton Valley Multicultural Association president Amila Gammana said there are at least four workers that the association is aware of leaving and there maybe more out there

Super 8 hotel manager Ray Labossiere, who was at the appreciation night confirmed she is losing one of her staff members come next month

"There is a four-year cap, and all those [workers] part of the cap have to leave before Apr. 1," said Labossiere.

"It affects us because we are short staffed, and she is a very good employee," she added.

The worker works as a housekeeper at the local hotel.

"Housekeepers are very hard to find in town Because locals are not interested. They do but they wouldn't stay longer," said Labossiere.

Gammana said some of them are leaving because their application got rejected and it costs $1,000 for employers each time they try.

"Their LMOs (Labour Market Opinion) got rejected on the basis of they have been here for four years, so you can't extend or a negative LMO or whatever else the problem is [so they may have to leave]," said Gammana.

He confirmed Temporary Foreign Workers who are leaving, work in the community including local fast food restaurants, local hotels and an oilfield related company

Yellowhead MP Jim Eglinski said he feels for both parties involved.

"I feel deeply for these people because a lot of them have proven to be very good new citizens to Canada and to our community and I am sad to see that some of them are going to have to leave due to regulations and I feel for them and I feel for some of the employers," he said.

He noted that the Temporary Foreign Workers come to Canada knowing that it's temporary work.

"I am sad to see these people go because many of them were good workers but the ultimate end when you look at it is that they come to this country with a notion that it was only temporary foreign work and then they would be going back," he added.

For more information on four year limit for foreign nationals working in Canada go online at cic.gc.ca.

Flea market has a new home

Outdoor flea market moved

Western Review

The outdoor flea market that opens at the beginning of spring will take place in front of Eldorado school this year.

The once-a-week market will no longer run from its old location by the Drayton Valley Municipal Library.

"We were just having a hard time in directing traffic over there and I am a one-woman show," said creator and organizer Kat Wylie

The outdoor market runs throughout summer, from May 26 to Aug. 25, once every week on Tuesdays

The organizer is pleased to have the new location

"It's a pretty good location on the strip there because people take walks around there in summer and so they will see our tents on the main street," she said

The indoor flea markets will continue to run at the same location, at the Eldorado gym. Food donations will be collected to go to Warming Hearts Soup Kitchen

Indoor market dates are March 14, Apr. 25, May 23, June 20, Sept. 19, Oct. 17 and Nov. 28

Wylie has vendors lined up already with some spots still open. For more information call 780-241-0420

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HW PICKUP TEACHER SURVIVOR

On Thursday, Feb. 19, HW Pickup Jr. High School gathered its students and faculty staff members at the school's gymnasium for the school's assembly with this month's theme Teacher Survivor. Students and teachers participated in a relay race which includes a pie eating contest, solving puzzles, and jumping ropes.

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Three of Alberta's four infamous government aircrafts sold for $6.1 million price tag

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Alberta Premier Jim Prentice says three of the government's infamous aircraft have sold for $6.1 million but critics say Albertans won't forget the Progressive Conservative cabinet's high-flying ways anytime soon.

In a speech to the Canadian Club of Calgary on Thursday, Prentice said the government is preparing a long-term fiscal plan to get Alberta off the oil revenue roller coaster. He listed several spending reductions and initiatives, including his decision to sell the aircraft inappropriately used by former premier Alison Redford shortly after he took office last year.

"Bids are now closed, and I am happy to be able to tell you that three of the four aircraft sold for $6.1 million which actually is 11 per cent higher than the asking price," said Prentice, joking. "The Dash-8 is still available, if anyone in the room is interested."

The three planes -- two 2006 Beechcraft King Air B200s and a 1997 BeechCraft King Air 350 -- were purchased by Fargo Jet Centre Inc., a fixed base operator at North Dakota's Hector International Airport that serves the general aviation industry with charter service and items such as fuel

Service Alberta Minister Stephen Khan, whose department handled the sale, called it a "fair price" considering there's a "limited market for some of these planes and the economy is tight, especially in western Canada." The government still owns a 1985 DeHavilland Dash 8 as it did not receive a compliant bid but Prentice confirmed the government will look at re-tendering the plane rather than keep it. A government-leased storage hanger at the Edmonton International Airport will remain in use until the Dash-8 is sold. The government refused to release the cost of the hanger, citing privacy concerns."

Last year's Special Duty Report from Alberta's Auditor General Merwan Saher identified several misuses of government aircraft by Redford and also showed that the planes cost $3.9 million more than comparable travel alternatives in 2012.

Saher found Redford used the planes "inappropriately" to travel to Vancouver and Jasper in 2013 where there "was a greater personal time component to these trips than a government business component" and three trips in 2012 and 2013 where only "partisan business" occurred. Saher also found Redford flew with other cabinet ministers to PC fundraisers, including a flight to Grande Prairie in October 2012 to attend a PC Leader's Dinner. NDP Leader Rachel Notley said they asked Saher to conduct an expanded investigation into cabinet ministers' flights but that request was rejected. The government still hasn't taken full responsibility for the aircraft misuse, she said.

"They off-loaded that particular breach of trust by almost everyone in their cabinet onto Alison Redford and the rest of them just skated off scot-free," she said. "They've never taken responsibility for the fact that it was clearly a practice that happened throughout the cabinet, many of whom are still in cabinet."

An RCMP investigation resulted in no charges for Redford, who issued a statement saying she was never concerned about the outcome "as I had the benefit of knowing that my and my office's actions were above board."

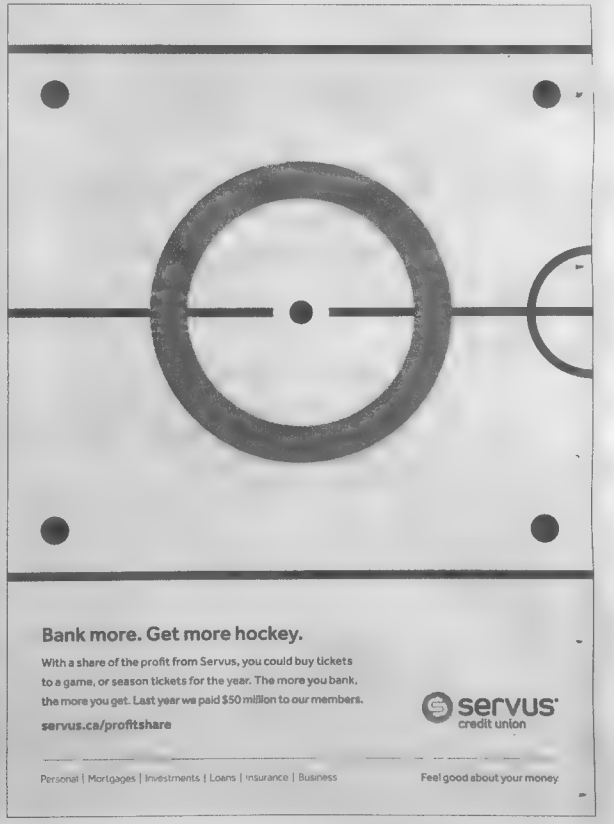
The provincial government has had a fleet of planes since the 1970s. The Air Transportation Services (ATS) fleet was reduced to four aircraft in the mid-1990s.

ATS operates two, seven-passenger Beechcraft King Air 200s purchased in 1980 and 1981 for $1.8 million and $2.1 million respectively and a nine-passenger Beechcraft King Air 350 purchased in 1997 for $5.7 million. ATS also operates a thirty-six-seat Bombardier Dash-8 purchased in 1985 for $6.9 million.

The operating cost of the ATS was approximately $4 million in 2004-2005. According to Budget 2014, it will cost taxpayers $7.1 million to operate the planes this year.

The cost includes the ATS expense of $4.6 million, $1.9 million for amortization of capital (the planes) and $500,000 for inventory consumption such as parts and fuel. The government says the planes can land at 120 airstrips in Alberta, 109 of which are not serviced by airlines

On today's market, Beechcraft King Air 200's from the 1980s typically sell for between $500,000 and $1 million each depending on their condition Beechcraft King Air 350's sell for between $1 million and $1.5 million



Alberta Schools cannot sustain anymore budget cuts

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Alberta Teachers' Association President

You don't have to live very long in Alberta before hearing a premier talk about falling oil prices creating a huge hole in government finances.

Most recently, Premier Prentice in early January 2015 projected a $500 million deficit for the current fiscal year and a $7 billion hole for Budget 2015.

Teachers are mindful that the same language was used by Premier Redford in 2013.

It was the same rhetoric used by Premier Stelmach in 2009 and Premier Klein numerous times before him.

In itself the rhetoric is damaging.

Since 2008, school boards have faced year after year of uncertain and unstable funding.

A few times over the last seven years the government provided additional funding months after the provincial budget was released, but often it was too late to make a difference in the province's classrooms.

By then, timetables were already set with reduced teacher numbers, programs were cut and class sizes increased.

Destabilizing talk about tough economic times and threats to funding meant that school boards remained reluctant to immediately reinvest in classroom conditions and so we continued to play catch-up.

Teachers, parents and trustees pressed the government to fix the instability and, as a result, the government promised in 2012 to provide three-year funding projections.

The promise in Budget 2012 was for grant rates to grow by five per cent over the next three years, the reality is that the basic grant grew by only one per cent in 2012 and has been lower since.

At the same time, other school board grants have been systematically cut.

Seven years of unstable and inadequate funding has resulted in classroom conditions that are worse now than they were in 2002 when the Alberta Commission on Learning was called in to investigate the state of education and found that school boards were $136 million short of the funding they required to adequately support public education.

That commission on learning established recommendations for average class sizes, including a recommendation that K-3 classes have an average of 17 students.

From 2002 to 2008, targeted funding resulted in class sizes falling to a low of 18.2 students on average, but they have steadily increased since.

The 2013/14 average was 19.9, and by next year we're projecting the average to grow to over 22 students.

The reality, however, is that too many classes already have 30 or more six- and seven-year-olds in one room with one teacher. Junior and senior high classes are much larger.

How did we get here?

Alberta's overheated economy has meant that large influxes of young people have entered our province and sought to lay down roots.

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Student enrolment has expanded by over 70,000 students since 2008. But teacher numbers have not kept up.

After a small bump in teaching positions in 2008/10, we experienced two years of layoffs. We recovered positions in 2012/13 but remained flat last year.

Finally this year we gained about 1,000 teaching positions, but that growth will not be enough to compensate for 70,000 additional students.

We would need an additional 3,000 teachers to bring the equivalent teaching force back to the size it was in 2008/09.

So, now we should be focused on repairing that gap and ensuring our kids have the quality education system they deserve in our wealthy province. Instead, schools are bracing for another hit.

The finance minister has projected that budget 2015 will include a five per cent cut to public services.

Our schools will not be able to manage that. At a time when school board costs are projected to rise by two per cent, a five per cent funding cut would result in the loss of an additional 2,500 teaching positions next year alone.

This at the same time as another 19,000 students will be added to the system.

To put the comparative loss of teaching positions into perspective, if you had a school with a static population of 400 students, that school would have lost two teaching positions over the past six years and would be slated to lose another two positions next year.

What programs and services will be cut?

Which of your child's teachers will be let go?

What does it look like if a school loses a guidance counsellor, a special needs teacher, a music teacher and a math specialist over the course of seven years?

This is not sustainable and it is no way to build the future of this province.

Parents and supporters of public education need to stand up for our students and to stand up for our schools.

Please visit www.betereducationtogether.com to find out how you can help.

Mark Ramsankar was elected president of the Alberta Teachers' Association in 2013 following two terms of service as vice-president. Ramsankar, who was an assistant principal at Hardisty School, in Edmonton, prior to his election as president, has teaching experience at all grade levels and in special education. He is a previous winner of the Excellence in Teaching Award.

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Alberta Teachers' Association preparing for provincial budget cuts

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As hundreds of Alberta teachers poured into Edmonton's Shaw Centre for the start of the Greater Edmonton Teachers' Convention Thursday, the looming threat of provincial cuts was being felt from the top down.

"Alberta teachers really are concerned about the direction we're going in education right now in terms of the budget," said Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) president Mark Ramsankar.

As we move into the budgeting cycle for school boards, it's very important that they know where they stand. We're hearing conflicting numbers: one minute we're in deficit, one minute we're in surplus. But for the future we know for certain that we are not going to be in a good financial state."

Ramsankar said the ATA forecasts a three per cent growth rate of students – roughly 19,000 next year and government messages that every ministry will have to bear some of the burden of a hurting economy is not what he wants to hear.

"Without being fully resourced, the system is going to experience shortfalls in many different areas. Teachers are one area," he said, adding the other areas could include support and custodial staff.

"What we need to understand is cuts to education mean programs are going to disappear. We cannot hide and shield parents and students from the types of cuts that have been bandied about by the government."

Three years ago, the government reached a deal with teachers across the province that included zero increases in pay for three years followed by a two per cent raise in September of year four and another one per cent lump sum in November.

That deadline is approaching with the start of the next school year.

"It's not about funding; everybody can do the shell game and move dollars around. It's about resourcing the system so that students will receive the education they deserve. Teachers' greatest source of frustration is not having the tools to meet the needs of the individual children in the classroom," he said.

Recent numbers have shown that frustration taking its toll.

A 2012 study showed 40 per cent of teachers were deciding to leave the profession within the first five years of working. Ramsankar said those numbers are improving but it attraction and retention of teachers continues to be an issue for the industry, particularly in northern communities.

He said there is no definitive work to change curriculum in hopes of finding cost savings, but they continue to search for new ways to teach.

"What we're concerned with ... is as curriculum is developed, will the profession have a voice in it?"

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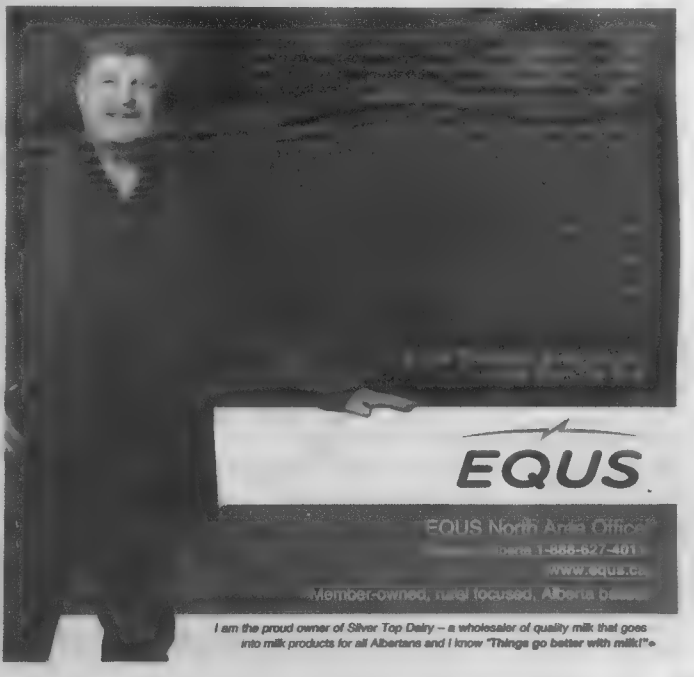

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Looking into the life of a STARS pilot, engineer

Drayton Valley Western Review Contributor

National Aviation Day took place on Monday, Feb. 23, and to celebrate STARS opened their doors to provide a closer look at their equipment, staff and daily operations.

STARS has been helping to provide specialized emergency medical care and transportation for critically injured or ill patients in Alberta for almost 30 years now.

Chief medical officer and executive vice president JN Armstrong has been a pilot with STARS for about 25 of those years.

Born in Calgary, Armstrong has been flying since 1973 and started flying helicopters two years later.

He admitted that if it wasn't for STARS, he might not still be in the air.

"I probably wouldn't still be in the aviation world were it not with this company.

"There's a tremendous satisfaction and worth that comes out of knowing that the mission you're doing is an important one," he added. Armstrong's medical background, availability and contacts made him an obvious choice to join the STARS team back in the early 1990s. Through his medical background, Armstrong became an acquaintance of Dr. Greg Powell, who founded STARS in the 1980s.

When he was asked to come aboard, the decision was an easy one and Armstrong has been with the company ever since.

"I really consider myself blessed to work for an organization that really puts an emphasis on the things that are important," he commented, specifically pointing out things like safety and engineering, and added that he's never worried once about safety in all his years working there.

But the aspect that makes the job really worth while is the opportunity to help those in need.

"One of the most important [things is] looking after other people on probably their worst day," he explained.

Armstrong said the biggest challenge in his line of work is the weather.

As the weather can often times be unpredictable, it's something that's very important for them to monitor at all times.

In fact, while Armstrong was talking to the media on that Monday morning, a call came in over the radio from the STARS Emergency Link Centre in Calgary.

The Link Centre acts as a communication hub for STARS, and Armstrong likened it to a switchboard in some ways as its purpose is to get in contact with the appropriate people for help as deemed necessary.

What had happened in this case was that Armstrong and his crew had been put on prealert for a possible scene call. In response, Armstrong headed upstairs, with media in tow, to check the weather and ensure that if needed they would be ready to fly. Once he knew the weather was good, Armstrong knew they could accept the mission. However in the end they did not have to be dispatched as EMS on scene determined that a helicopter wouldn't be necessary in this instance.

Armstrong explained they can get a couple pre-alerts like this each day where they may not end up going, but in any case it's important to always be ready and prepared.

"It's that kind of dedication... those guys are the heroes."

– STARS Chief medical officer and executive vice president JN Armstrong

After 25 years on the job, Armstrong said that it's the preventable accidents that get to him the most.

Accidents where alcohol was involved, or a quad accident where someone wasn't wearing a helmet. "These sorts of preventable things, when you see the carnage that results from preventable activities, it really is hard to take," he explained.

And it's not just hard for the person involved in the accident, but for the families and friends as well. "That weighs heavy," Armstrong said. On a more positive note, Armstrong said the most memorable part of his job is seeing the help they get from everybody else. He admitted that the helicopter can get a lot of the attention, but there's much more going on that is just as important, if not more.

"I can't tell you the number of times we go to a scene call, three in the morning, and the local volunteer fire department is there," he explained.

"And these folks all have other jobs .. they're working all day and now all night and they'll be back to their job the next day.

"It's that kind of dedication . . those guys are the heroes."

Armstrong also recognized the work that the RCMP officers do and the doctors and nurses who take over once the patient is transported to the hospital.

"They're off to the ICU or off to the OR to have hours and hours of surgery," he explained, adding afterwards hours of rehab is to follow for some of these patients.

"There are a lot of facets to this operation that exist and need to be acknowledged," he commented.

Another one of those facets includes the engineering team at STARS. DJ Lafrance is one of those engineers, and thinks pretty highly about his gig.

"It's the best job you can do as an [aircraft maintenance engineer] in my opinion," he stated.

Born in Yellowknife and raised on a farm in Saskatchewan, Lafrance has been working for STARS for 14 years now. His main job is to conduct routine maintenance and inspections on the aircrafts. He will also talk with the pilot and medical crew as they return from a mission to determine if there were any issues or problems that arose during the flight.

If so, then Lafrance will look into it to ensure the aircraft is ready to go when needed. However daily inspections are routine so any repairs are taken care of before the aircraft is needed for its next mission.

Lafrance said the biggest challenge in his job is that STARS is a 24/7 operation. If a team is called out for a mission in the middle of the night and experience any technical issues, the engineer team has to be on call and ready to come in at any moment.

One of Lafrance's biggest undertakings was when STARS expanded from three bases in Alberta to six. In addition to being an engineer, Lafrance has also been the technical project manager for three and a half years now.

The first job he had to do in that role was to import three used helicopters purchased from the United States, strip them down, repair them and modify them, which was a tremendous amount of work.

"To import three aircrafts and modify them, turn them around and get them operational in a 12-18 month time period .. I'm very proud of what we achieved as an engineering department," he commented.

Lafrance explained being an engineer with STARS is rewarding in more ways than just typical engineering work.

"You are entrusted with the airworthiness and safety of an aircraft that your friends and team members are going to be on ... that's something that's really special."

Even with most of his work stationed at the hanger, everyone's job with STARS contributes to successful missions.

"You feel proud that you can contribute to that mission."

According to a press release sent out by STARS, their pilots have more than 316 combined years of experience from their Alberta bases. 40 pilots and 17 engineers are employed at STARS in Alberta.

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Now is the perfect time to prune

Mark Cullen

The snow was up to my knees: so much the better for reaching the tallest branches. Last weekend I pruned my apple trees I have over 50 of them in my 10-acre garden. It sounds like a lot but they are under 10 years old so they still have lots of time to grow

You may be thinking that the gardening season is a long way off Or you are just not thinking (of gardening) at all. Well, for those of us keeners, here are some reminders.

Pruning

Reminder #1: This is the perfect time of year to prune fruit trees. Standing on the deep snow is only one reason why this is a good idea. Most fruiting trees, apples in particular, enjoy a trim while they are dormant. When the sap begins to flow in April, the newly trimmed trees will produce more and better quality fruit if they've had a winter pruning. It is a counter-intuitive thing. The more you cut off the more fruit you get. Until you cut too much

There is the rub (and why you need me): more domestic tensions are created around the issue of tree and shrub pruning than most anything. Naming your kids and deciding where to send them to school is quite easy by comparison. Pruning is up there with wallpaper hanging for stress induction among otherwise happy couples The answer about 'how much' to remove is up to (but no more than) one third of the existing branches If you have never pruned your tree and it is reasonably mature, a third would be ok. I prune out about 20% each winter.

The goals in pruning an apple, plum or peach tree are twofold

1. Open up the top of the tree to allow sun to filter in to ripen the fruit evenly.

2. Remove lateral branches in an effort to encourage air and wind to circulate through the tree to minimize disease and insect infestations. Yes, a breezy day is your friend in the fruit business

Buy Seeds

Reminder #2. Perhaps this is the year that you start your tomatoes from seed rather than waiting for the transplants to arrive at your local retailer this May. Good for you! You will save money and (more to the point) you will have a much broader selection of varieties to choose from at the seed racks or through seed catalogues.

The great Canadian seed house, McKenzie, in Brandon Manitoba, reminds us that you can indeed save a lot of money when you grow veggies from seed Here is a summary of the math:

From one packet of seeds you can harvest up to 30 lbs of tomatoes Cost for seeds: $1.99 (or less)

Cost for equivalent volume of tomatoes at the farmers market or super market: $1 30/lb or $39

Savings: $37 (minus the costs of soil, fertilizer and a pot, if you don't have a garden)

This is an oversimplified calculation, of course, but the savings are much greater for peppers and peas and about the same for lettuce and cucumbers.

If you factor in the 'value' of your time, you have missed the point. The experience of growing your own is so rich that the payback is precisely that: the satisfaction that comes from the experience. If you don't get that, please move on to the next point of my article.

Start Sprouts

Reminder #3 Feeling a little bit draggy? February blues got you down? Now is a great time of year to grow your own sprouts. It is easy, fun, the kids get a big kick out of it as they grow soooo fast, and they are good for you. You might even get some energy back. All you need is a couple of mason jars and bean seeds, which you can buy at your local market

Alfalfa sprouts are ready for harvest in 5 days; buckwheat in 3.

To grow your own, soak the seeds in water over night, place them in fresh potting soil or peat moss (pre moistened) and remove the sprouts as they grow using a pair of clean kitchen scissors, leaving the roots and soil behind. These are called seedling sprouts

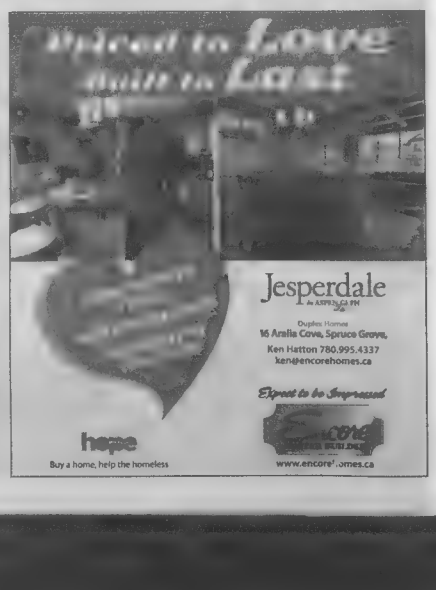
You can grow sprouts using just water (hydroponically) using a mason jar, cheese cloth and clean water Soak the seeds in the mason jar overnight, drain the water through the cheesecloth and lay the jar on its side in the sunshine. Repeat 2 to 3 times a day until you have edible sprouts Details in my weekly blog at www.markcullen.com

If this is so easy, entertaining and good for us, why aren't we all doing it?

These are gentle reminders, dear readers. It is the best time to look ahead and plan your gardening calendar.

Mark Cullen appears on Canada AM every Wednesday morning at 8:40. He is spokesperson for Home Hardware Lawn and Garden. Sign up for his free monthly newsletter at www.markcullen.com.

This can be the year you may want to start growing your own tomatoes from seedlings (above) instead of buying them at your local grocery story.



Province in print

Stories gathered from Alberta's weekly newspapers

ARTIST STEPHEN MUELLER'S PAINSTAKINGLY DOCUMENTED CATHARTIC PROCESS ON DISPLAY AT EDMONTON'S LATITUDE 53

Edmonton Examiner

Stephen G. A. Mueller has no idea how many of his beard hairs he has in a jar, though he plucked them all out himself, by hand.

The London, Ontario based artist went through this process in 2011 for the sake of art.

Starting Over, the end result, is a video project, running in at over a minute and a half.

It shows, through timelapse, a heavily-bearded Mueller slowly losing the facial hair, which he grew specifically for the piece, until the artist is fresh-faced, though, per Mueller, spotted on a few of his face's sensitive areas.

The video, along with a jar containing the removed hairs, are on display at Latitude 53 until March 8, and this is the last time Mueller will be presenting it

He created this video installation by setting up a photo booth in the basement of his former residence and pulling each, individual hair from his beard, one at a time

He then took a photo of both his face and the back of his head, and managed each painstaking frame in succession

The whole process was around 5 and a half hours, a span of time which he didn't sleep.

"You don't see the plucking," he said. "You just see the hairs disappearing. There's a lot of stuff left out of the performance documentation

"It wasn't a matter of me being able to do it literally one hair at a time without stopping. There was a lot of in-between time and getting up and staying awake and not being crazy."

Viewers can see, through parts of the video where the sensitive areas of his face are, as the pores have released a bit of blood.

The artist's eyes in the video reflect a similar level of pain, and frustration

However, Mueller is no stranger to the lengths one is willing to go through to create art.

"If you sort of believe in the idea and what you're doing, and the ritual of it, it kind of removes some of the pain factor," he said.

"You just kind of push through it... It's also kind of like a catharsis. There's probably more mental pain associated with it, I guess."

Starting Over is the second part of a previous work, titled Please Don't Go, which he showed at Latitude 53's Visualeyez Festival in 2012, and premiered in 2010 in Calgary's The New Gallery

Please Don't Go, in short, featured the artist sitting or kneeling in a glass box for hours on end.

Mueller avoided going into too much personal detail about the reasons behind these odd pieces of performance art

But he did offer that they dealt "with a kind of climax, I guess, in some ways, of a relationship, and the fallout after it, and the kind of attempt to create this cathartic ritual to expunge the experience."

Only by plucking out each hair is each follicle removed, allowing the process to truly start again, he said

"You can trim it, but it's the same hair"

He doesn't want to destroy the experience completely, though, Mueller said, noting the jar of hair by-produced from Starting Over.

A FIGHTER AT HEART

Spruce Grove Examiner

Nine months old and a little fighter: that's how Annaleigh Rabbit's family describes her.

In December 2014, at seven months, Annaleigh was diagnosed with stage three neuroblastoma, a type of childhood cancer. Now, the little Duffield girl has just finished her third round of chemotherapy for a tumour in her stomach the size of her head

Annaleigh's family, Ashley Rabbit and her fiancé Kevin Ressler, have two other small children as well, ages two and seven. Ressler had to quit his job to look after those two, so Ashley could be by Annaleigh's side.

On March 7, an online auction will be raising funds for the Rabbit family.

The brainchild of Amanda Toms, who is photographing Annaleigh's journey through cancer, the auction has already received widespread support from local businesses.

Toms said tri-area restaurants have donated plenty of gift cards, and other businesses have chipped in as well.

Only a short time ago, Toms and the Rabbit family were strangers.

But Toms said Annaleigh's story struck her.

Toms used to shoot weddings, but has recently turned toward lifestyle photography

"Everyone who has a loved one who (is sick) deserves to have beautiful pictures," she said. "The (family) will have those memories."

Aside from the online auction, Toms has also helped the family to set up an account at the Spruce Grove Bottle Depot, located at 39 Diamond Avenue, in Annaleigh's name

"When someone is sick, the family shouldn't have to worry about putting a meal on the table or paying a phone bill," she said.

"That shouldn't be their concern If there are people even remotely able to help — even if it's $5 — why wouldn't you want to?

"(The Rabbits) don't have it in them right now to ask for help. So any help they get, they're so grateful for"

The Rabbit family was not available to meet before press time, but Ashley keeps a Facebook group running to update loved ones on Annaleigh's progress

"I hate you, cancer. You picked the wrong battle with this girl. You won't win," she wrote in one post.

Annaleigh will undergo a total of four rounds of chemotherapy, at which point her doctors will decide if she needs more

To find out more about Annaleigh's situation, and to donate, check out her GoFundMe account at www.gofundme.com/k5t1qc.

To participate in the online auction on March 7, take a look at Toms' Facebook page: www.facebook.com/Annaleighbeatingcancer.

FIREFIGHTER'S HIT THE ROOF

Leduc Representative

Four of Leduc Fire Services' finest are spending four days and three nights on the roof of the fire hall

Amber Gall, Kathy Massey, Mindy Smith and Tamara Osmak are braving harsh February weather to raise funds for Muscular Dystrophy (MD) Canada. As they were sent up on Feb. 10, City of Leduc and fire services officials wished them well.

"I just want to thank you for committing your time," said chief George Clancy. "You're committing four days and three nights away from family"

Mayor Greg Krischke highlighted the support from the community and local businesses to help the firefighters raise the money for their cause

"I'm so proud of this community We have an amazing fire services and an amazing community that supports [them]," he said.

MLA George Rogers was particularly supportive of the all-female campers.

"On behalf of my four sisters and my two daughters, I want you to kick ass this year."

Leduc Fire Fighters Association president Doug Britton noted that firefighters do have to assist with calls where they see people who have MD

He dedicated the campout to an Ohio firefighter who lost his battle to the disease a little over a year after his diagnosis. With the firsthand experience firefighters have of MD, they know what families go through

"All the research, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, living aids such as wheel chairs and breathing devices cost money, money that we as one of many fire services across North America try to help raise by filling the boot," he said, explaining the fundraising process

MD is one of the causes that the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) has supported since 1955 and has since raised almost $558 million

DEVON ARCHER AIMS FOR GOLD AT CANADA WINTER GAMES

Devon Dispatch

One talented Devon resident is off to represent his home town at the 2015 Canada Winter Games

The games take place once every four years and this year's host city will be Prince George. The games get underway tonight.

Aaron Cox, a Grade 10 student at John Maland High School, is getting set to take on the best the country has to offer at the event in his sport, archery

And while he's been firing a bow for about seven years now, he didn't originally plan on taking it to this level

"I wasn't really planning on getting competitive," Cox explained "I'd originally gotten into it for hunting."

But after getting involved with a small junior program in Spruce Grove, the group decided to tryout for the 2012 Alberta Winter Games. Cox decided to go as well, and enjoyed the competition so much that he decided to keep at it.

Cox's love for archery began when his parents bought him his first bow from Canadian Tire when he was about eight years old. A few years later he went to Trophy Book Archery in Spruce Grove for a higher model

Cox has already enjoyed a great deal of success in the short time he's been competing. Two gold medals at his last Alberta Winter Games, a silver at indoor nationals last year and a silver in field nationals are just a few of the awards Cox has collected so far

He also finished first at provincials, not only scoring higher than everyone else in the under-18 group, but outscoring those in the over-18 as well

But success doesn't come easy Cox explained that he trains for about four hours a day a few times a week, and on the weekends he may train for up to 12 hours in just one day

As for his Canada Winter Games schedule, Cox arrived in Prince George last night and will get a couple days of free practice before his competition is set to begin

His first shooting day is Saturday, and the scoring starts on Sunday when the qualification round gets underway After that the individual eliminations begin

During the qualification round, each shooter will get 60 arrows Each arrow can earn a shooter 10 points Each competitor will fire all their arrows and the scores will be ranked from first to last.

Once the individual eliminations begin, first place will shoot against eighth, second versus seventh and so on in a head-to-head format Each shooter gets three arrows, with a maximum point total equalling 30. If a shooter scores higher than their opponent they earn two points. A tie is worth one point apiece, and zero points are earned for a loss. The first to six points wins and moves on to the next head-to-head matchup

Cox will also be taking part in the team event, which takes place the following day

The games will feature some pretty tough competition however, which Cox is well aware of. "I know there are some pretty good competitors there," he said

Cox highlighted some of the competition he'll face, including the event's defending champion from Saskatchewan, some good talent from Quebec and Ontario and a 12-year-old from Manitoba

"It's kind of weird because the guy from Saskatchewan has been competing as long as the guy from Manitoba has been alive," he mentioned

This won't be Cox's first competition at the national level, but it will be a little different from what he's used to. As he explained, typically he falls within the 15 17 age range in national competitions. But the Canada Winter Games deals with a much larger age group, meaning more competition for Cox to deal with

That being said, he's feeling confident heading into the event

"I'm feeling pretty good, I've been shooting pretty good lately. So I'll just shoot my best and whatever happens, happens."

School notebook

ST. ANTHONY

The Staff would like to thank Patient Council for providing lunch & gifts for them today. To all the parents who came in today and volunteered, so the staff could have lunch together in honor of "Teacher Appreciation" week Thank You, your generosity and kindness are greatly appreciated.

The St. Anthony School Invitational Archery Tournament was held on February 20th & 21st. There were archers from five schools participating: Breton Elementary, Eldorado School, Entwistle School, Evergreen School & St. Anthony School. In total, 117 archers competed. Archers are divided into divisions: Grades 4 & 5 in Elementary and grades 6,7 & 8 in Middle Division. Archer's score was also ranked for Individual score.

There were two teams that qualified for Team Scoring in the Elementary Division was, Silver plate Team with 1183 points is Eldorado School, Gold place Team with 1400 points is the grade 4 team from St. Anthony School. Team Scoring in the Middle Division was, Bronze place team with 1775 points is Entwistle School, Silver Place Team with 2336 points is the grade 6 team from St. Anthony School and Gold Place Team with 2561 points is the grade 7/8 team from St. Anthony School.

Each archer's score also goes to individual ranking within their respective division. Roni Johnstone of "We are Wild" was the sponsor of the Individual awards. We thank Mrs. Johnstone for the sponsorship! Individual Results were, Top Female Archer for Elementary Division with 196 points is Corissa Riddoch from St. Anthony School, Top Male Archer for the Elementary Division with 239 points is Elijah Park from St. Anthony School, Top Female Archer for Middle Division with 209 points is Rebekah Pequin from St. Anthony School and Top Male Archer for Middle Division with 248 points and this is also the highest score of all 117 archers. Dawson Boser from St. Anthony School. The Archery Coaches congratulate all archers that participated, we are proud of your accomplishments! Thank you to our wonderful coaches Mr. Naugle, Miss Seymour, Coach Bussineau, Coach Conway, Coach Dudley, Coach Keller and Coach Rominick also, we also want to thank all the volunteers, the schools that entered the tournament, and the sponsors.

**Archery parents; PLEASE ONLY enter the school through the doors closest to the gym, they will be unlocked at 4:30 and you are welcome to quietly and positively watch the last 15 minutes of practice Practice dates for Archery are; March 6th, as our Archers are preparing for a National Tournament in Edmonton at the Edmonton Boat and Sportsman Show on March 13th.

Mark your calendars and plan to join us as we Celebrate 50 Years of Catholic Education in Drayton Valley Tickets for the event went on sale February 17, 2015 at St. Anthony School. For you out of towners you can phone Georgeina McGee at 780-542-4386 reserve your tickets, put a cheque in the mail upon receiving your cheque the tickets will be mailed out to you. Space is limited so get your tickets early

It's that time again to be thinking about registering your child for the 2015/2016 school year. We are accepting registrations for Preschool Grade 8 Registration forms are available at the office or at www.stanthonysdv.ca

February 26th @ 7:00 pm will be our Preschool/Kindergarten Information/Registrations Night. Kindergarten students must be 5 years of age by December 31, 2015 and Preschool students must be 4 years of age by December 31, 2015. If you have any questions please feel free to drop by or call Mrs. Lemermeyer at the school 780-542-4396

Taking holidays during the school year may result in students missing valuable learning which may result in students missing valuable learning which may have a negative effect on their academic progress. However, we do understand that because of differing circumstances this may occur in various families. Although our teachers are committed to helping your child progress, please understand that it is not reasonable to request that the teacher prepare detailed lessons or homework missed during your child's absence Students are responsible for catching up on all missed assignments within a reasonable time frame determined by the teacher through consultation with the student and family.

Remember when shopping at Sobeys; be sure to tell the cashier that you would like your points to go towards St. Anthony School.

News from the Shark Tank:

The Running Club will continue to have their feet quickly moving Mondays, from 3:15—4:15. Basketball games are underway, Grade 4, 5 & 6 Archery Club Members will have practice March 6th & 20th after school. March 13th Archery members going to National Tournament in Edmonton at the Edmonton Boat and Sportsman Show.

School Council News & Notes

Please join us Monday March 16th at 7:00 pm. As always, babysitting will be provided.

Important Reminders:

Our school doors will open at 8:20 am, registration and prayer will begin at 8:35 am and dismissal will be at 3:09 pm.

Please ensure your child has "weather appropriate" clothing and foot wear with them every day. An extra set of clothes is always a good idea to have in their backpacks.

Preventing the spread of illness in schools is critical to keeping everyone as healthy as possible. Please do your part by keeping your child/children home when they are unwell. It is important that we keep our school safe for every one. You can help by letting us know if your child is diagnosed with influenza, strep throat, chickenpox, pertussis, measles, impetigo, fifths disease, hand foot & mouth or pneumonia. Remember to call the school every day that your child will be absent. Make sure the school has your current contact information in case your child was to become ill or injured at school.

All messages need to arrive at the main office before lunch hour. This way we can make sure that your child gets this message without being disrupted from their class and ensuring they receive the message before the end of the day. Only in cases of emergency will we call your child out of class. Staff welcomes opportunities to meet and discuss your child's program, but DO NOT interrupt classes to speak to your child's teacher. Please leave a message at the office for the teacher to call and make an appointment.

Office hours are 8:00-4:00 Parents please make sure you call the office or email kerrie.lemermeyer@starcatholic.ab.ca if your child will be late or absent. If you have reached the answering machine please leave a message as staff are unavailable to answer the phone.

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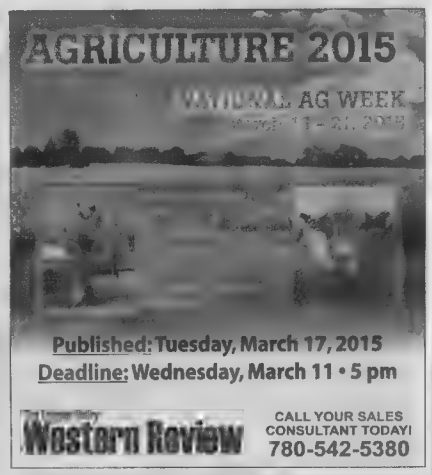

School notebook

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Important Dates to Remember

2nd - Grade 7 & 8's Starlight Day, Mrs. Rushton's class swimming 11:00-12:00, Running Club after school

3rd - Mrs. Rushton's class swimming 11:00-12:00

4th Mrs. Rushton's class swimming 11:00-12:00

5th - Mrs. Rushton's class swimming 11:00-12:00

6th - Archery during Phys. Ed class for gr.'s 6-8, after school for gr. 4, 5 & 6 Archery Club Members

9th - NO SCHOOL - PD Day

10th - Mrs. Rushton's class swimming 11:00-12:00

11th - Mrs. Bendfeld's class swimming 11:00-12:00

12th - Second term report cards sent home, Tim Horton's Snack Day, Mrs. Bendfeld's class swimming 11:00-12:00

13th - Adoration, Archery members to National Tournament in Edmonton at the Edmonton Boat and Sportsman Show

Please check our website stan.starcatholic.ab.ca or find us on Facebook St. Anthony School Drayton-Valley for up-to-date information

AURORA

There will be no school on Monday, March 9th due to the WRSD Professional Development Day. Enjoy your long weekend.

Daylight savings time begins on Sunday, March 8th Remember to move your clock ahead one hour.

For each monthly assembly, for the rest of the year, students will get extra house points if they wear their house colour for assembly. It has to be a solid colour shirt, pants, skirt, dress or sweater. Mixed colours don't count. Also the winning house for that month will have their name on the house league trophy which is kept on the counter in the front office.

March 17 is St. Patrick's School Spirit Day where students should wear their finest green.

March 19 is the Grade 5 Camp Information night at Eldorado Learning Commons (library) at 6:30 pm All parents of grade 5 students are encouraged to attend

TOMAHAWK

Thank you to all of the families who came out to the Family Dance February 18th to celebrate Family. Everyone in attendance reported having a fantastic time! A big thank you is extended to Mr. Darcy Mulroy for supplying us with his DJ services.

Students in grades 4 through 9 are eager to participate in the archery program where they will compete at NASP Nationals at the Boat and Sportsman Show March 12 and the NASP Provincials on April 23 in Drayton Valley at the Omniplex Afterschool practices for Grade 7-9 students runs Tuesdays and Grades 4-6 are on Thursdays Thank you to the Brazeau Bowbenders and Safari Club International for their continued support of this program Thank you to Mr. Jim Robb for setting up our nets in the gym and to the many parents who helped in any way

To ensure that all children are safe while getting on or off the school bus, ALL visitors at Tomahawk School between the hours of (8:00am -8:30am) & (2:30pm and 3:30pm), are asked to NOT park along the sidewalks on the SOUTH and WEST sides of the school. Vehicles should exit the parking lot only when it is safe to do so. The safety of all our students is top priority

Grade 9 students are looking forward to a field trip to the University of Alberta on March 4th.

Tuesday, February 24th representatives from the Alberta Heart and Stroke Association were in attendance to kick-off the 'Jump Rope for Heart' fundraising campaign.

Friends of Tomahawk School Society is scheduled to work a Casino fundraiser Sunday, May 3 and Monday, May 4, 2015 at the Apex Casino in St. Albert. Twenty volunteers are needed to work at this fundraising event. This is a great volunteer opportunity for parents who normally work during the school day. No experience is necessary and training is provided for each shift. It is a fun and easy way to contribute and is one of the only fundraisers in which we take part. The funds will be used to complete our playground project scheduled for installation this summer/fall, drama enhancements, music program, field trips, cultural programs, technology, and Snoozlen Room project. Please contact Alana Robb or see Barb in the office to complete a Casino volunteer form

Please check out our Facebook page and read the Tomahawk Telegraph newsletter for further information about what is happening at Tomahawk School

ELDORADO

A huge shout out goes to Eldorado's entire Archery team that earned a silver in St Anthony's NASP (Archery) tournament held Saturday February 21. Congraiulations and "atta boy" to Brody Mason who won 5th place overall for the day

Parents, if your children if you or your children are looking for mitts, touques, gloves, boots, coats, hoodies or lunch kits? Come have a look in our lost and found boxes they are full to overflowing again. Please ensure that your children's clothing and accessories are labeled to avoid ending up in the above mentioned boxes

-- *For current updates and photos, you can follow us on our Facebook page.www facebook.com/Soaringwithspirit

You'll find photos of our latest art projects, activities and candid shots of students and staff. Also any pertinent information that may affect daily routines etc... Join us.

What's Going On?

March 9 PD No School

March 17 St. Patrick's Day Wearin' O' The Green

March 20 Book Fair Starts

March 20 Report Cards go home

March 24 Parent teacher interviews

March 25 Book Fair Ends

March 27 Spring Break Starts -April 7

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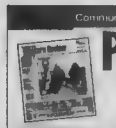

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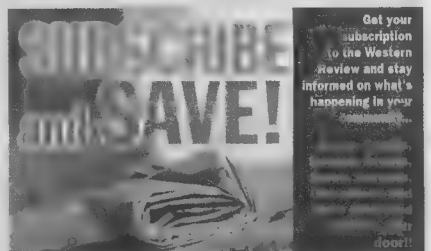

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ROTARY FLAG RAISING IN TOWN

Rotary Flag was raised at the Drayton Valley Civic Centre on Feb. 23 in honour of the Rotary week. Mayor Glenn McLean (left) and president of the Rotary Club of Drayton Valley John Mulligan were present at the flag raising.

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ERNA GRUBER (nee Deeg)
August 11, 1925 - February 24, 2015

Erna Gruber passed away peacefully at the Drayton Valley Hospital Continuing Care facility at the age of 89.
Erna was born in Weisenbach, Germany on August 11, 1925. She immigrated to Canada with her husband Fritz in 1954 with whom she bravely followed and supported through various adventures, moves and career changes. From city housewife and bookkeeper in a new country to having to learn the ropes of managing a full scale mixed farm, she handled her new situations with grace, kindness, amazing food and good humor. She will be most lovingly remembered for her role as a mother and grandmother (Oma) to those fortunate enough to have known her.
Erna was predeceased by her parents, her sister Emma and her husband Fritz.
Erna will be dearly missed by her son Fred of Tomahawk and his daughters Anna (Al), Colleen (Bernie), her son Frank (Barb) of Tomahawk and their daughters Lisa (Luke), Angela (Kern) and Stephanie (Marcus) and her daughter Monica of Stony Plain and her daughters Brittany and Jessica (Ethan) along with great grandchildren Juliana, Lucas and Quinn.
Cremation has taken place. It was our mother's wish to have a private family memorial which will be held at the Riverview Cemetery with Pastor Brummet officiating.
If friends so desire memorial donations in her memory may be made to the Drayton Valley Health Services Foundation (Continuing Care) 4550 Madsen Ave , Drayton Valley, Alberta T7A 1N8

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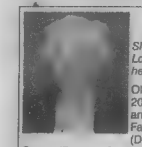

Olga Van Ember (Nee: Pischke)
March 19, 1928 - February 21, 2015

She was a woman of faith, believing in the power of her Lord and the peace that would welcome her to her heavenly home, which she longed for..

Olga Van Ember passed away on Saturday, February 21, 2015 at the [illegible] of 86 years. She leaves to mourn her loss and cherish [illegible] memory, her children; Hilda (Lawrence) Farnel, Glo[illegible] (Terry) Lindsey, Marilyn Dargatz and Richard (Delene) Van Ember, grandchildren; Deanna Wispinski, Carrie (Darren) Gray, Justin (Jennifer) Lindsey, Keith (fiancé Jennifer) Kynoch, Melanie (Frank) Dance, Christina Van Ember, Teresa (Blair) Bisson, great grandchildren; Dayden, Daylee, Emily, Jordan, Brooke, Sophie, Liam, Hudson, Willow and Jacqueline, siblings, Ella Duffy, Freida Myck, Eric (Joyce) Pischke, Don (Delores) Pischke and sister in law Ann Pischke as well as numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Olga was predeceased by her parents Gottlieb & Hulda Pischke, husband Edward Van Ember, brother and sister in law Albert and Calla Pischke, brother Henry Pischke, son in law Raymond Dargatz and brother in law Eric Myck. Funeral Services were held on Saturday, February 28, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Tomahawk, Alberta with Pastor Dan Barr officiating. Interment followed at the Berrymoor Cemetery. If friends so desire memorial donations may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church or to a charity of choice.
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IVAN OLLENBERG
May 17, 1946 – February 17, 2015

With his loving family by his side, Ivan Ollenberg, beloved husband of Augustine (Tina) Ollenberg of Drayton Valley passed away at the age of 68 years.
Besides his loving wife Tina he leaves to cherish his memory; sons Les (Kim), Stacy (Lana), daughter Rose Offenberger (Brad), 7 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.
Also surviving are brothers Rhiney, Wilfred (Linda) and a sister Hilda Wood (Len) as well as numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.
Cremation has taken place and a Celebration of Ivan's life will be held at a later [illegible]
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LAISS, Berthold "Bert" Edmund - May 13th, 1932 - February 17th, 2015 Mr Laiss passed away on February 17th, 2015 at the age 82 years. Bert is survived by his loving Wife; Agnes of 59 years; Daughters, Debra (Dennis) Martin, Sandra (Mike) Jackson, JoAnne (Wayne) Safronovich; Sons, Rick (Linda), Colin (Patty) Kevin (Cynthia), Mark (Shirley), B.J. (MapleRose); 21 Grandchildren; 17 Great Grandchildren; 2 Brothers and 1 Sister; as well as many family and friends Funeral Services were held at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Tomahawk, Alberta at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, February 23, 2015. Interment followed at Immanuel Lutheran Church Cemetery. In Lieu of flowers Memorial Tributes may be made to the Alberta Heart and Stroke Foundation. Floral or written Tributes may be made to

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It is with sorrow and sadness that we announce the passing of Barbara Cable aged 88 years, beloved wife of the late Arthur Bruce Cable at the Drayton Valley Hospital. She leaves to cherish her memory, daughter Shirley Gaffney (Harry) of St. Albert, son Bob (Pearl) of Sturgeon County, daughter Terry Lapointe (Rick) of Drayton Valley as well as 6 grandchildren, Cindy Gaffney, Marty Gaffney, Christine Tulloch, Bobbi Wright, Michael Lapointe and David Lapointe as well as 12 great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews, relatives and friends. Barbara was predeceased by her husband Arthur Bruce, son Murray, her 3 brothers Norman, Dennis and Colin Cremation has taken place and a Celebration of her life was held on Thursday, February 26, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at Drayton Valley Funeral Services- Tinant Chapel with Rev. Emma Vickery officiating. Interment in the Riverview Cemetery. If friends so desire memorial donations in her memory may be made to the Drayton Valley Health Services Foundation (CT4DV) 4550 Madsen Ave, Drayton Valley, Alberta T7A 1N8.

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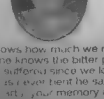

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- Ensure continued growth of DVCF's assets and consistent quality of administration, finance, communication, and systems
- Seek out and act on leadership opportunities that fit the Foundation's goal of being a proactive community leader;
- Develop and refine all aspects of communications, from web presence to external relations.
- Provide on-going support to the board of directors, and
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- University degree, college diploma or equivalent professional development courses or experience in the not-for-profit sector or business administration preferred
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- Previous experience with grant writing and allocations policy and procedural documents, and fundraising experience preferred, and
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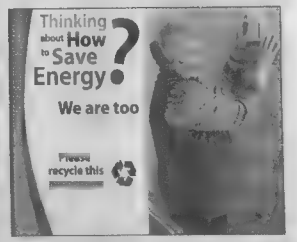

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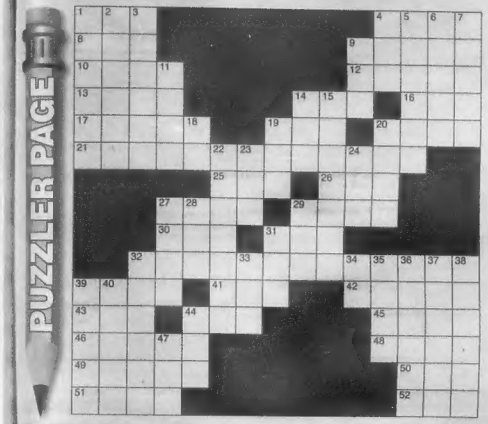
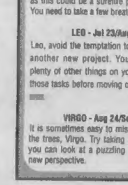


CLUES ACROSS

1. Centralized mailing compartment
4. Small argument
8. Latin for "hail"
9. Semicircular headdress
10. Hole plug
12. Primp
13. A spontaneous motivation
14. Don't know when yet
16. Portable computer screen material
17. Conform
18. Yoruba
20. Wings
21. Tar Hill State
25. Hard, durable wood
26. Pallid
27. Pabir language
29. Not crazy
30. Word element meaning ear
31. Hill (Celtic)
32. "Dangerous Liaisons" actor
39. Space between 2 points
41. Arbitrageur
42. 3rd or 4th Islamic month
43. Assistance
44. Manuscripts (abbr.)
45. In a way, soaks
46. Synovial knee syndrome
48. 2nd cervical vertebra
49. State of sudden fright
50. Snakelike fish
51. Each of 4 Hindu ages
52. Point midway between S and SE

CLUES DOWN

1. Relating to New Guinea
2. Carry to excess
3. Alms solicitor
4. Title of respect
5. Spanish saffron dish
6. Betel palm genus
7. Petter ____, Nordic combined skier
9. Yearly tonnage (abbr.)
11. Clan division
14. Referee declares
15. Rampart
18. "Big" actor's initials
19. Noah's boat
20. Diarist ___ Frank
22. Luminous celestial ring
23. Famous motor club
24. 007's creator
27. A timely blessing
28. UTHealth (abbr.)
29. Roman Helios
31. Check
32. Making of a worn-out vicious horse
33. Wife
34. An alternative
35. Spanish unit of length
36. Wild goats
37. Municipalities
38. Bother or harass
39. Excessively sentimental
40. Middle Eastern dish
44. Waterproof raincoat
47. Former OSS



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Here's How It Works:

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		5						1
3						2		
			5				8	9
				4	8			
8	4	9				7		
		6			5		9	
					3	7		
5			6		4			2
				8				

ANSWER

6	7	8	3	4	2	9	5	1
3	5	1	9	6	8	2	7	4
4	9	2	7	5	1	3	6	8
2	6	3	1	7	5	8	4	9
8	4	9	2	3	6	5	1	7
7	1	5	4	8	9	6	3	2
5	3	4	6	9	7	1	2	8
1	8	6	5	2	3	4	9	6
9	2	7	8	1	4	7	8	5

HOROSCOPES

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

You impress everyone with your creativity this week, Aries. Allow this creativity to be the inspiration behind projects you have been putting off of late.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Keep your goals relatively simple for the next few days, Taurus. You can benefit from the positive reinforcement of completing tasks and getting things done.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, you have been immersed in work and are starting to show the ill effects of keeping long hours. Now is a great time to take a few days off or enjoy a mini-vacation.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, you have a lot to get done, but resist the urge to micromanage every detail, as this could be a surefire path to burnout. You need to take a few breaths.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, avoid the temptation to get started on another new project. You already have plenty of other things on your plate. Finish those tasks before moving on to something

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

It is sometimes easy to miss the forest for the trees, Virgo. Try taking a step back so you can look at a puzzling project from a new perspective.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, you may be searching for a new adventure, but try to appreciate the here and now as well. It's easy to get swept up in fantasies, but don't let them carry you too far away.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, you suspect that someone is hiding something, and that very well may be the case. Perhaps a welcome surprise is coming your way. Resist the urge to dig too deep.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

You can probably talk your way out of trouble, Sagittarius, but this time it's better to let things play out. Keep conversations light and free from controversy.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, find balance between your personal ambitions and things you have to accomplish at work and at home. Finding a middle ground is the best approach.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, you need a few extra people to contribute to a special task, but you do not know who to ask. If you think hard enough, you will know who you can depend on.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Your demeanor makes it easy for others to enjoy your company, and that will come in handy as your social schedule fills up in the days ahead.

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Community events

March: On March 6, a prayer service is being held at St. Anthony Church at 7 p.m. on account of World Day of Prayer.

Mondays
- Sit and Get Fit exercise class @ 10 a.m. at Sunrise Village (3902-47th St.) Exercises done from a chair. All seniors welcome.
- First and third — Brain Injury Support Group meets @ Mitch's at 12:30 p.m.
- Bingo at the Drayton Valley Legion. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.
- Line dancing @ the Scout Hall, 7 -8:30 p.m.
- Bingo Tomahawk Agra Centre, doors open at 6 p.m. Bingo at 7:30 p.m. 780 335-2623 or 780 335-3747 for information!

1st Monday
- Dogs at Club meetings, 7 p.m. 542-7220.
- Kin-Club meetings, (780) 621-0517

Tuesdays
- Anger hurts everyone. DV Family Support & Intervention Program, women's group, 7-9 p.m. 542-6702 for more info.

1st & 3rd Tuesday
- Royal Purple meetings, Westwind Motor Inn (upstairs), 7:30 p.m. Morne @ 542-2854 for info.

2nd Tuesday
- Metis Cultural Youth Society meets @ 7 p.m. at PM515 Outreach. 780-542-8396 for more info.
- Pre-school swim, 12-12:40 p.m. @ DV Pool. 696-2543 for info.

Wednesdays
- Derrick Toastmasters meet 7 -8:30 p.m. @ NorQuest College Campus. Everyone welcome. Call Marc @ 780-725-4932 for more info.
- Sit and Get Fit exercise class @ 10 a.m. at Sunrise Village (3902-47th St.) Exercises done from a chair. All seniors welcome.
- DV Family Support & Intervention Program, men's group, 7-9 p.m. 542-6702.
- TOPS meetings, 12-2 @ Church of God. 542-4288, 542-7653
- Warming Hearts Soup Kitchen, 11:30-1:30 @ Drayton Valley Royal Canadian Legion

1st Wednesday
- Brazeau Regional Search and Rescue @ 7 p.m. Don @ 780-542-2817, new members welcomed.
- Buck Creek Community Assoc. general meetings
- Women in the Wind meets @ River Rock (Super 8), 7 p.m.

2nd Wednesday
- D.V. Citizens on Patrol Society (COPS) meets, 7 p.m. Visit www.draytonvalleycops.com to get involved.

3rd Wednesday
- Jamboree @ Wildwood Community Hall. Doors open 6:30 p.m.
- DV Genealogical Society meets, 7 p.m. @ Wishing Well. For information call 780-542-2787.
- Brazeau ATV Club meeting, 7:30 p.m., West Pem Holdings office (5606-55 St.) Denis Poissant @ 780-542-4823 for more information.

4th Wednesday
- Mix Performing Arts Centre board meeting, 3:45 p.m. on Mix mezzanine.
- Wildwood Community Hall board meets, 7:30 p.m. @ the hall.

Last Wednesday
- DV & District Cancer Support Group meets, 11:30 a.m., Arcadia room, Westwind, Howard @ 780-542-2735 and Pern @ 780-542-5416 for info.
- DV and District Historical Society meets, 1 p.m. at senior's drop-in centre.

Every second Wednesday
- Biz & Bites single parent support group @ Evergreen ParentLink Centre from 6-7:30 p.m. Starts Sept. 24.

Thursdays
- Narcotics Anonymous meetings, 7 p.m. @ United Church
- Brighter Futures Indoor Playground in Violet Grove, 10-11:30 a.m. Call 780-514-5070 or 780-696-2543 for more information.
- Drayton Valley Fine Art Society PAINT IN! NOON at the Lutheran Church

Last Thursday
- Masonic Lodge meetings, 7:30 p.m. (780) 542-5473.
- DV Hospital Auxiliary meets, 7 p.m. @ the hospital
- General meeting for Entwistle Community Hall @ the hall starting @ 7:30 p.m. except June, July, August.

3rd Thursday
- Northern Thunder Classic Car Club meets at 7 p.m. at Westwind.
- DV Hearts & Hands Quilters' Guild at Emmaus Lutheran Church, at 7 p.m.

Fridays
- Sit and Get Fit exercise class @ 10 a.m. at Sunrise Village (3902-47th St) Exercises done from a chair. All seniors welcome.
- Al-Anon meets, 8 p.m., Evangelung Catholic Church. Cheryl @ 727-8871 for more information.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets in the basement of the Church of God from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Connie @ 780-621-0486 for information.

Saturdays
- Pon erh tournament, 1 p.m. Big T Golf Club in Breton.

Last Sunday of the month

Music jamboree upstairs @ the 55+ Recreation Centre in Drayton Valley. Doors open @ 1 p.m. with jamboree starting @ 2 p.m. Everyone welcome to come and listen to music and socialize. For info call 780-542-3768.

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Homes section

How much would it really cost to replace your home?

News Canada

Ask any Canadian home-owner to name their biggest investment — their real pride and joy — and most likely they'll say it's their home.

It's their sanctuary with the pristine lawn and beautiful garden, the finished basement and renovated kitchen. When such a paradise exists, why would anyone want to risk losing it?

But what if disaster struck and your place was severely damaged by fire or some other catastrophe.

Are you certain that your insurance policy would cover the rebuilding of your house and the replacement of all the contents?

Unfortunately, this answer often comes too late that the homeowner isn't adequately covered.

The property insurance experts from Desjardins Insurance have some answers and suggestions to help you:

First, be prepared.

The first three days after an emergency are the most critical.

So consider creating a 72-hour emergency kit. Typically it will include 3 days' worth of water for each person in your family, imperishable food stuffs, candles, flashlight and batteries, and a first-aid kit. Next, take an inventory of your belongings.

Be thorough because it's easy to underestimate the total value of your possessions.

Include furniture, jewellery, electronics such as computer equipment, game systems and television, along with clothes, shoes, boots, pots, pans, other personal and household items.

Take particular note of expensive items such as antique furniture or other valuables.

Read your policy carefully. It's important to remember that your home insurance will not cover every type of major loss.

The typical home insurance policy will cover a fire loss, as well as damage caused by lightning, windstorms, hailstorms and even tornados. Standard homeowners' policies in Canada exclude flood damage.

However, policies generally cover other kinds of water damage, for example from a sewer backup or a burst pipe in your house.

Desjardins Insurance is one of the few companies that also cover damage caused by water seepage through basement walls or floors.

Your policy may be worth more than your home. Many people believe that if their home is burnt to the ground, they would automatically receive full market value for their house.

This isn't true. The value of a home insurance policy is based on the cost to rebuild the house, not to sell it on the market.

The actual replacement cost could end up being either greater or less than the market value. Replacement costs will include the material (lumber, roofing shingles, siding material, carpet, drywall, etc.), and the labor and architectural services.

There are also additional costs associated with the demolition and clean-up of the site before construction, which can be expensive in a crowded city neighbourhood.

The location of your home could be a factor too. For example if you're located in a remote or rural area, travelling expenses and supply transportation need to be taken into consideration.

For more information about your insurance policy and the replacement value of your home, speak to your insurance provider.

Or for immediate answers, call or visit Desjardins Insurance at www.desjardinsgeneralinsurance.com.

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NEW — 1996 mobile with fencing and a 28 x 30 shop on 5 acres only 10 miles from DV! Near the Pembina River. E3402482 $264,900

NEW — Wonderful bungalow with new kitchen & bathroom, floor the list goes on! Has home has sewer, shingles, all vinyl windows on a large lot near schools. E3401872 $189,000

NEW — Mobile home with double detached garage on lot, open lot in Breton for only $94,900! Reasonable living! E3402997 $94,900

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E3405737: Private new 1,400 sq. ft. residential only 1.21 ac. garage. Main street location. Zoned C-1 allows for professional business or office, retail, medical or personal services business plus many discretionary uses. Home is immediate occupancy $175,000. Immediate possession.

E3405737: Wertburg 2007. 16 x 80 MFG Modular Home in Village Green MFG Park. Maple tone kitchen, accented with dark laminate flooring. 1216 sf / 3 bedroom / 2 bath floor plan. Master with walk in closet & ensuite. Large entries, laundry area. Shed, front deck. $110,000 Leased Lot $200/mon

E3405293: Breton: Ideal Family or Retirement Home. Bi-level bungalow with stylish upper & lower bow window offers 1218 sf of fully finished living space on each level. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Open concept kitchen/dining in raised oak. Garden doors to deck. Semi private main level family room. Lower level den. Central laundry off Double attached garage. Large lot, fenced back yard. Off Street parking for Large! R.V. $289,900

E 3390150 Breton: Upgraded Bungalow/Double wide. Home on full basement. Family friendly. 1232 sf/ 3 + 1 bedroom plan, 3 baths. Large kitchen, breakfast nook & family dining. Master offers walk in closet & full ensuite. Lower level recreation room. Attached garage/ workshop with 220 power, insulated & heated. Spacious covered rear deck offers privacy and overlooks a treed area creating a park like setting Large .16 acre lot. $179,900

E3398086: Breton Only 1 mile from Breton. Nicely upgraded raised bungalow on 4.5 acres. 1368 sf / 3 bedroom plan, 2 baths. Kitchen features an extended by-pullout pantry. Spacious kitchen with breakfast nook, family dining and large living room with wood stove plus family room. Moved onto new ICF basement in 2006. Basement is full and open for future development. New windows, upgraded exterior with submerse decking. Storage sheds. $349,900

E3387084: Breton Area: 160 acres / mixed Location: Only 1 hour off HWY 39 or HWY 20. Productive level land for farm land with apx 90 open acres, balance native trees. $3,500 / or SLR 3 bedroom bungalow. 7205 sf Straight wall Shop storage building/ 16 ft walls. Attached 35 ton electronic scale. This building could be adapted to any Agricultural, light industrial or trucking application. 4,2000 bushel hopper bottom bins, hay shed, small animal pen. $648,000

Village of Breton: New subdivision residential lots $48,500

7 Large Residential Lots. Steps from Breton's popular 9 hole Golf Course. Lot frontage from 85 to 90 ft. Modern neighborhood, municipal services at property line, includes drive way and GET'S the time restrictions to build. Plan for the future. Modular homes are allowed under restrictive guidelines.

A NICE SELECTION OF LOTS! Dear Crossing Estates

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BUCK LAKE — $455,000
4 bdrm 2 bath home, developed basement. Fenced back yard. Two storage sheds. Close to amenities of Breton. $192,000

Lakefront half acre, 2 bdrm, 3 bath home, walkout basement indoor hot tub & wet bar, 12x40 open faced bldg for boat, quad, 2 lawn sheds & dock.

BUCK LAKE — $479,000
Beautiful new home. 4 bedroom 3 bath home, ICF basement fully finished. 2 car attached garage. Attractive half acre lot w/slip on the dock.

3 bdrm 2 bath mfg home, attractive lot, twin garage, workshop, sheds, close to school & other amenities of Wenfield $130,000

Half acre lot, 3 bdrm bi-level. Developed lower level. Deck, double car garage. Buck Lake $335,000

Cabin at the Lake -3 bdrm, 2 bath. Single car garage. 1/2 acre treed lot. Close to community lakefront lot. Buck Lake $270,000

Older 3 bdrm, 2 bath mobile home w/ addition (1745 sq ft). 30x40 fabric bldg shop insulated, concrete floor. Alder Flats $130,000

Cedar Cabin - 2 bdrm 1 bath, minutes to lake. deck, single garage, towering evergreens. Buck Lake $200,000

COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES
5 acres, 2500 sq ft bldg (currently coffee shop & store). Restaurant equipment, mobile home. South of Winfield on Hwy 20. $345,000

Buck Lake Business Park - 1 acre urban commercial lots along oft paved HWY 63 north of hardware store. $48,000 to $55,000

3 acre lot, 12,000 sqft bldg w/16' walls, four 14' overhead doors, office, lunch room, washrooms. Fenced yard. Breton $1,000,000

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CAUSE FOR CRITTERS PET OF THE WEEK

Dexter (the orange cat) was found outside. He is a sweet boy who is a little shy at first, but warms up quickly when a gentle approach is used. Dexter gets along well with the other cats at the shelter - he has also managed to make friends! Dexter would make a beautiful addition to any home. You can find out more about Dexter at Cause for Critters by contacting the shelter: Bay #3-5450-55 St., www.causeforcritters.ca, or 780-898-7297.

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is this your
DREAM HOME?

49505 RR81

LOOK HERE! - 30 Acres just 5 PAVED miles from town. The home has what you need:- 4 bedrooms, living room & family room, SHOP & Pole Shed, RV parking and OIL Revenue!!! Enjoy the well-designed layout of this 1752 sq.ft. home that is quite open in all directions from the kitchen. The dining room opens through the patio doors to a large deck with built in seating. This lovely home with spacious rooms, sits on a concrete foundation with a concrete pad. The gated entrance takes you through to the 2008 home and buildings which are nestled in amongst 10 acres of spruce and poplar trees with open landscaped areas filled with a garden, perennials, raspberries, fire pit area, etc. The balance of the 30 acres is open and great for animals, 3 sides are fenced and there is a seasonal creek at back of land. The home is 28x64, the shop 32x48 with 12 ' door, and pole shed 20x12. Shop is partly insulated (balance of material will be left to finish), wiring (incl. 220) is in place, concrete floor is finished and has gas to the outside of the building. There's a well graveled circular driveway. RARE property with 30 acres so close to town and on pavement. Oil revenue is included!

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R28 Call Yvette/John ML.E3403089

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R06 Call Roger ML.E3402987

NEW
LAKEFRONT PROPERTY
Beautiful 100x50 lot with pad done. Fully serviced with 87 metal. Items within 5 gorge. Adjacent to 2 miles of crown shoreline. $275,000
R27 Call Kelly ML.E3403440

OPEN HOUSE SAT/MARCH 7 11am - 1pm
115 PARVIEW ESTATES
New golf course. New, 1800sf bilevel, fully developed. Double garage. 4.25 ac. Granite counters & hardwood floors. $725,000
R7 Call Wayne ML.E3397251

OPEN HOUSE SAT/MARCH 7 1-4pm
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$505,000
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